Bourke Shire Council
Agenda
Monday, 21st January 2019

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Council Chambers at Bourke Shire Council Offices at 29 Mitchell Street, Bourke, commencing at 9.00am for the purpose of considering the items included on the attached Agenda

General Manager: Ross Earl

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Australia Day Workshop at Close of Meeting

1. Opening Prayer

2. Remembrance

3. Apologies

4. Declaration of Interest
(Forms included with Business Papers)

5. Mayoral Minute

6. Starring of Items
A number of items have been starred for discussion.

The Mayor will receive requests to star additional items to be discussed.

Recommendation:
That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 21st January 2019 be adopted.

7. Confirmation of the Minutes

Recommendation:
That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 26th November 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

8. Standing Items

10.00am Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council
11.00am Monthly Update of Central North Police District

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Councillors Disclosure of A Non-Pecuniary Interest

PURSUANT TO SECTION 451 OF THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 (AS AMENDED)

To the General Manager I, _____

Declare a Conflict of Interest, being a NON-PECUNIARY Interest.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Name of Meeting _____

Date of Meeting _____

Page Number _____ Item Number _____

Subject _____

Reason for Interest _____

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As a result of my non-pecuniary interest, my involvement in the meeting will be as follows:-

☐ **Option A** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

☐ **Option B** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate but not vote.

☐ **Option C** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate but leave the Chamber for the vote.

☐ **Option D** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and not participate in the debate and vote.

☐ **Option E** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and not participate in the debate and not vote.

☐ **Option F** – Make a declaration, do not participate in the debate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

Signature _____ Date _____

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OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Reason for Interest _____

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Signature Date

9. Calendar of Events

Meeting Month/Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2019				
January	21st	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
	26th		Australia Day	Bourke Pool
	28th Monday		Australia Day Public Holiday	
February	18th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
	24th – 26th		Western Division Conference	Bourke
March	25th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
April	19th - 21st		Easter	
	25th		ANZAC DAY	
	29th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
May	27th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
June	24th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	22nd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	26th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	28th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	25th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

10. Councillor Information List

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Web Address Link	Email
12/12/18	Tour De OROC Update	Mathew Dickerson		✓
17/12/2018	Barwon Darling Water Members - Feedback Questions and Presentations from DPI – Responses due 18th January 2019	Peter Roberts	https://drive.google.com/open?id=1s_sX6E1j3pRoggBTZrjBKlkJJgmFfnaV	✓
17/12/2018	Information for Member Councils Websites re Air Services Tender	Mark Riley	https://www.tenderlink.com/cobar/	✓
18/12/2018	Council Circular 18-44 Commencement of the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Procedures	NSW OLG	https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/18-44.pdf	✓
18/12/2018	Council Circular 18-46 New Councillor Induction and Professional Development Requirements	NSW OLG	https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/18-46.pdf	✓
18/12/2018	Service NSW - Easy to do Business Update	Kylie De Courteney	https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/	✓
18/12/2018	Kevin Humphries Press Release - NSW Government to land flight service for Far North West	Melanie Elms	https://www.tenderlink.com/cobar/	✓
19/12/2018	Council Circular 18-47 Amendments to the election provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005	NSW OLG	https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/18-47.pdf	✓
19/12/2018	COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE – Bourke Shire Council Solar Farm Development Proposal	Renewable Age		✓
20/19/2018	Kevin Humphries Press Release - Life-Saving Lessons for kids in Barwon	Melanie Elms	http://www.watersafety.nsw.gov.au/	✓

20/12/2018	Kevin Humphries Press Release - $1K for Scholarships for Barwon Studetns	Melanie Elms	https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/	✓
20/12/2018	PCYC Program for January School Holidays (4 attachments)	Cecil Towney		✓
20/12/2018	CDSC-Fish Kill at Menindee	Greg Hill		Sent by GM ✓
21/12/2018	Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' - limited preliminary consultation under the terms of reference - invitation to respond The Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' has been established by Letters Patent dated 28 November 2018, a copy of which is enclosed. The terms of reference authorise me to inquire into and report to the Governor by 30 September 2019 on: A. The nature, prevalence and impact of crystal methamphetamine ('ice') in NSW. B. The adequacy of existing measures to target ice in NSW. C. Options to strengthen NSW's response to ice, including law enforcement, education, treatment and rehabilitation responses.	Professor Dan Howard SC Commissioner		Sent by GM ✓
24/12/2018	Algee Alerts for North West NSW	Office of Water	www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae	✓
03/01/2019	Bourke Shire Council – Press Release Level 3 Water Restrictions	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Level-3-Water-Restrictions-December-2018.pdf	✓
03/01/2019	Bourke Shire Council – Press Release Australia Day Nominations	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/council/australia-day/	✓

04/01/2019	Bourke Shire Council – Media Release $200,000 Bourke Stimulus Package	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/mr190104.pdf	✓
7/01/2019	Invitation to the opening of Stage 1 of Macquarie Home Stay for individuals involved with the Toyota Tour de OROC	Matthew Dickerson		✓
07/01/2019	Councillor Professional Development Training - Brewarrina 7th February 2019	Jeff Sowick – GM Brewarrina		✓
08/01/2019	Press Release Update – Darling River Heights and Darling River Clean-up	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/mr190108.pdf https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/mr190108-2.pdf	✓
08/01/2019	Australia Day Nominations	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/mr190108-3.pdf	✓
09/01/2019	Bourke Shire Council – Media Release – EOI for Contractors and Labourers	Ross Earl	https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/mr190109.pdf	✓
10/01/2019	Letter to meet with Minister Blair, briefing note RE: Station of the Darling River and Press Release	Ross Earl		✓
15/01/2019	Model Code of Meeting Practice 2018	LG NSW	Hard Copy provided in monthly meeting notes as Attachment	Hard Copy Sent
15/01/2019	Model Code of Conduct 2018	LG NSW	Hard Copy provided in monthly meeting notes as Attachment	Hard Copy Sent
15/01/2019	Councillor Induction and Professional Development Guidelines 2018	LG NSW	Hard Copy provided in month meeting notes as Attachment	Hard Copy Sent

15/10/2019	Draft Plan of Management for Bourke Golf Club (identified as Western Land Lease Number 9618) and independent report by Lisa Crothers Independent Chair of the Public Hearing.	BSC Document Lisa Crothers	Hard Copy provided in month meeting notes as Attachment	Hard Copy Sent

11. Business Arising From Previous Resolutions

KEY: Action still pending Action

GM General Manager	MRS Manager Road Services
MCS Manager Corporate Services	MES Manager Environmental Services
MTD Manager Tourism & Development	MW Manager Works

206/2013	**Review of Organisational Structure**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**S6.41**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.	In progress

67/ 118/ 177/ 203/2015	**Full Birthing Unit for Bourke Hospital**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**H1.1**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
That further information in regards to midwife led birthing models be obtained.	Ongoing

516/2016	**Birthing Facilities at Bourke and Visit by Professor Sally Tracy**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**H1.1**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
That Council decide what further representations may be required following the receipt of any responses from its letters and considering any issues raised by Professor Tracy	Still to be finalised

64/2017	**Unfenced and Unsealed Airstrips**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**LD11.1 –A6.1**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council seek public comment regarding the need to maintain the airstrips at Enngonia, Fords Bridge and Byrock and engage Tom Griffiths of Airport Plus to prepare a report detailing the issues to be considered in deciding whether to maintain the three (3) strips.	In progress

450/2017	Finalisation of Lease to Bourke and District Children's Services
Responsible Officer	**General Manager/MCS**
File Number	**A11.1.4**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council prepare a Plan of Management in respect of the Golf Course Precinct and agree to the lease of the both the Old Golf Club Building and the New Pre-School building for a period of five (5) years from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2021 with the option for two (2) additional periods of five (5) years, subject to them meeting the terms and conditions of the lease agreement. The intent to lease the premises to BDCS be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the terms and conditions of the lease be as determined.	Report to January 2019 Council Meeting

152/2018	Changes to Native Vegetation Management
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**D2.1-L1.12**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
That the matter be referred to Local Government New South Wales to ascertain the impact on rural Councils in NSW	Letter written

182/2018	Disposal of Assets to Whiddon Group
Responsible Officer	**Manager of Corporate Services**
File Number	**A11.1**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council transfer the land made up of Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 2 DP 227656 to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for $1.00 with the following conditions:- 1. Registration of a restriction on use/positive covenant which imposes a requirement that the land is used only for the provision of aged care facilities/services; 2. Execution of a deed between Council and The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group that imposes an obligation on The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to re-transfer the land to Council in the event that The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group proposes to sell the land to a third party (except with prior approval of Council); and 3. Registration of a caveat over the land to protect Council's interests referred to in the Deed referred to in 2. Above.	In progress

199/2018	Request for the Extension of the Louth Airstrip
Responsible Officer	**Manager of Works**
File Number	**V1.5**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council explore options for funding for the extension of the Louth Airstrip and start negotiations with the current land owner to purchase a parcel of	Ongoing, contact with RFDS to

land that would allow for the proposed extension of the Louth Airstrip. Council continue to monitor the Louth Airstrip and maintain the status quo.	determine requirements

321/2018	**Renaming Senior Citizens Building to Bourke Community Centre**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager/Manager Works**
File Number	**A11.2.24**
1. That a Plan of Management for the Bourke Community Centre be developed which details the allowable uses of the building and the fee required to be paid for the use and any bond that need to be lodged. 2. That the Plan of Management be submitted to Council on completion for their endorsement	Ongoing
358/2018	**Monument to Percy Hobson**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File Number	**G4.28-W2.2.9**
Council investigate the development of a suitable monument to recognise the achievements of Percy Hobson	In progress

362/2018	**Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 - update**
Responsible Officer	**Manager Environmental Services**
File Number	**E6.1-E6.4-L8.1**
1. Council undertake a review of the potential impact on the sale of land held for industrial development including obtaining specialist advice as appropriate. 2. That on finalisation of that review a further report be brought back to Council	Presentation made to Council

394/2018	**Western Local Health District (WLHD)**
Responsible Officer	**Mayor**
File Number	**H1.1**
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council contact the WLHD further requesting the information that was not received in our previous letters:- 1. Effects on mothers of giving birth away from Country 2. Results of any patient satisfactory survey 3. Location of Plant & Equipment previously used in Birthing Unit at Bourke District Hospital 4. Details of the model of care in place at present	Letter written

395/2018	Council Owned Land to be transferred to Bourke Aboriginal Health Service
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	A11.1.5

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council request from the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service; a progress report on the funding application they have submitted for the provision of a Clinic and Administration Centre; a Music School; a Gymnasium and a Training School for which they have requested transfer of ownership of Council owned land.	Letter written

405/2018	Heritage Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
File No	H2.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council endorse the formation of the Bourke Shire Council Heritage Advisory Committee. 2. That Council appoint Councillor Thompson and Councillor Cole to sit on the Bourke Shire Council Heritage Advisory Committee. 3. That Council refer the draft terms of reference to the first meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee for comment and ask that they refer any suggested changes back to Council	In progress

409/2018	Matters to be brought to the attention of Candidates for the Seat of Barwon
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	L8.17

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Councillors review the listing provided and suggest possible inclusions. 2. Once the list in finalised that Council select six (6) items to form the basis of Council's discussion with Candidates 3. That the electricity supply infrastructure to Bourke is upgraded to ensure that it both meet the ongoing requirement for Bourke and have the capacity to feed any electricity generated by solar or other means back into the grid	In progress

427/2018	Proposed Change of Management of the PCYC
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	L1.17-Y1.7-LD-L11.14.3

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
The General Manager to prepare a detailed report in relation to the matter, including the seeking of legal advice if necessary	Report to be prepared

427/2018	**Proposed Change of Management of the PCYC**
Responsible Officer	**General Manager**
File No	**L1.17-Y1.7-LD-L11.14.3**

DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
The General Manager to prepare a detailed report in relation to the matter, including the seeking of legal advice if necessary	Report to be prepared

File No:	**T6.1- T6.2**
Report: 107/2018	**Removal of Distressed Trees**
Responsible Officer:	**Peter Brown, Manager of Works**

DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council remove the two (2) dead Queensland Fig trees in Mitchell Street between Warraweena Street and Tarcoon Street and the four (4) dead Jacaranda trees in Sturt Street. Council consider it options in relation to the remaining eight (8) Queensland Fig trees in Mitchell Street between Warraweena Street and Tarcoon Street on the north side once a report is received from the Arborist	In progress

File No	C11.1-C12.1-L8.1P4.1
Report: 384/2018	Introduction of the New Code of Meeting Practice
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council to hold a workshop to finalise a New Code of Meeting Practice and provisions be made in the 2019/2020 budget to purchase web conferencing equipment.	To be discussed at Jan Council meeting

File No	S6.1
Report: 387/2018	Incentives to Attract Staff - Potential Amortisation of HECCS Debt for those Working in Rural and Remote Areas
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council write to the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, raising the possibility of the Federal Government agreeing to a scheme whereby the HECCS debt of persons electing to work in a rural and remote location are reduced in accordance to the level of remoteness and length of stay and a motion be developed along similar lines of the Ryde motion for presentation to the Western Division Conference	Letter written to Mark Coulton. Letter being developed for conference

File No	**F1.2-P1.5.1**
Report: 388/2018	Lighting Charges at Davison and Coolican Ovals
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Revised fees for Davidson and Coolican Ovals be advertised and placed on public exhibition calling for submissions on the proposed changes for a period of 28 days and a report brought back to council after due consideration of any submissions received.	Report to January Council meeting

Recommendation:
That Council note the information in the Business Arising as presented to Council on Monday, 21th January 2019.

12. Engineering Services Report

File No:	**W2.2.9 W2.2.12**
Report: 01/2019	**Bourke Future Water Supply Options**
Responsible Officer:	**Peter Brown, Manager Works**

Background
This report provides information in relation to an analysis of future options for a sustainable water supply for the Bourke area. This report is to provide information to Council that funding applications have been completed to secure water infrastructure the towns of Bourke and North Bourke.

It is recommended that Council make representation to the State and Federal Governments for appropriate permissions and funding to implement the following options:

- Raising the height of the Bourke Weir by 1 Metre
- A secondary weir and pumping regime within the Darling River to reduce water losses by evaporation be investigated
- Development of a new Bore that will supplement Walkdens Bore with 1 ML of water capacity, making the total available bore water 2 ML (Current usage is 1.7ML a day).
- Possibility of a strategically placed upstream storage that could regulate the Barwon Darling River

Current Situation
The Bourke area has been in the grips of a drought for some time and a reliable and sustainable water supply is seen as a crucial element for the proper functioning of the town and associated economic activities. Due to no rain in the catchment the situation has become critical for the town of Bourke.

Bourke Shire has a Drought Management Plan which was developed in 2003 in response to previous droughts. Bourke Shires Drought Management Plan sets out details of water supplies and usage for the Shire and includes triggers for water restriction levels to conserve supplies.

Council will continue to take a proactive role on behalf of its community to develop a strategy to improve the current and long term water availability within the system.

Water Supply and Usage
The following key statistics are relevant:

- Calculated full weir pool volume approximately: 5124 Mega litres
- Length of the weir pool approximately: 42 kilometres
- The mean river waterway width approximately: 40 metres
- River bed gradient approximately: 1:15000
- Weir crest height is 3.94m Above the river bed: RL 95.88 AHD
- Surface area of full Weir Pool approximately: 200ha
- Bourke population approximately: 1900
- Premises serviced: 1100
- Absolute minimum filtered water requirement: 1.5 Ml/day
- Peak evaporation accounts for approximately: 25 Ml/day

The following graphs and tables provide additional details:

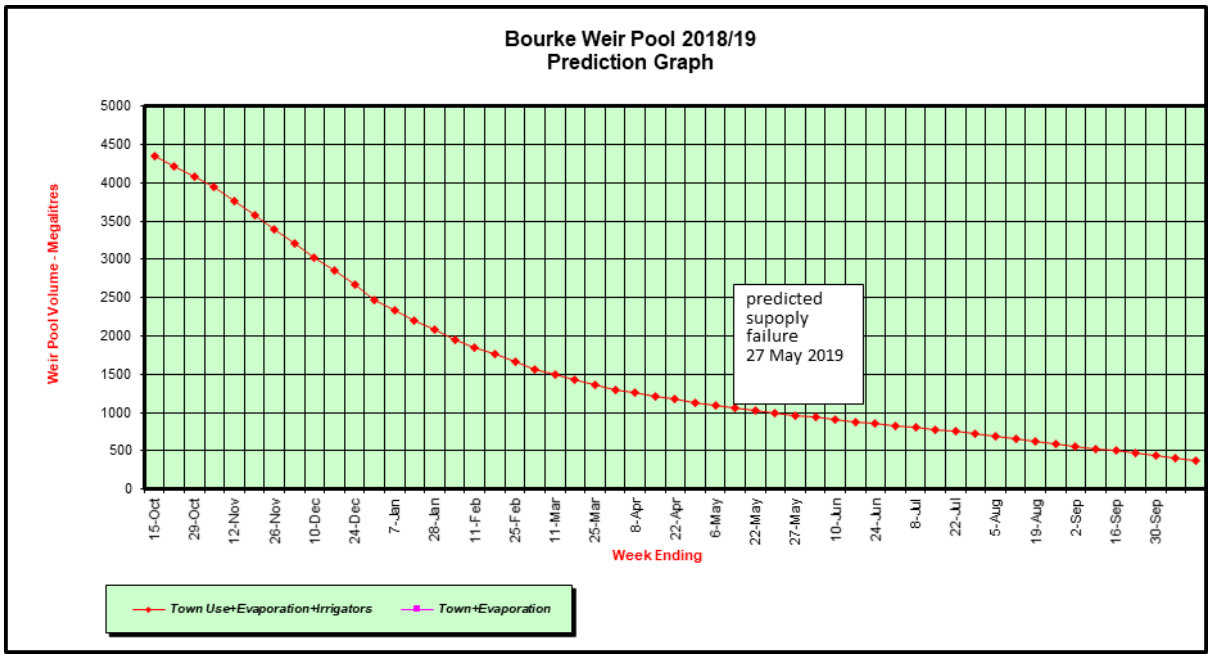
Water Usage during Summer

Restriction Level	Estimated Filtered Water Consumption Ml per Day	Estimated Raw water Consumption Ml per Day
None	1.5	10
1	1.5	8
2	1.5	8
3	1.5	5
4	1.5	1.5
5	1.5	1.5
6	1.5	1.5

Table Showing Water Usage Details - Source Bourke Shire Council

Water Supply Predictions

The current water supply predictions are detailed in the following graph. The graph is based on detailed level and width measurements. The failure point for the water supply has been estimated using the best available data, however, it is possible that the failure of the system may occur earlier depending on the actual river bed conditions. To date the system has not failed so there is no hard evidence of the actual failure point. The current hot weather has served to compound the difficulty in providing accurate predictions.



Graph Showing Water Supply Predictions - Source Bourke Shire Council

Based on the data the town has an 8 to 10 months supply in the event that the “no flow” condition is reached in early summer. If the “no flow” event occurs in early summer when evaporation is high and the supply would be expected to deplete quickly and we are currently experiencing these conditions.

The evaporation has been estimated (100ML a week) to be nearly 4 times to that of the town consumption (25ML a week) during level one restrictions during the summer heat.

Options for Consideration

A number of options have been prepared for consideration and are as follows:

- Increase height of current weir
- Install new weir at same crest height upstream
- Install new weir upstream of current weir pool (BU8)
- Pump from downstream weir pool of 19A Weir
- Build off stream storage
- Buy storage capacity from existing irrigator dams if available
- New bores
- Pindari Dam water release
- Treat wastewater
- Dam Billabong
- Encourage re-cycling and better waste water management
- Do nothing

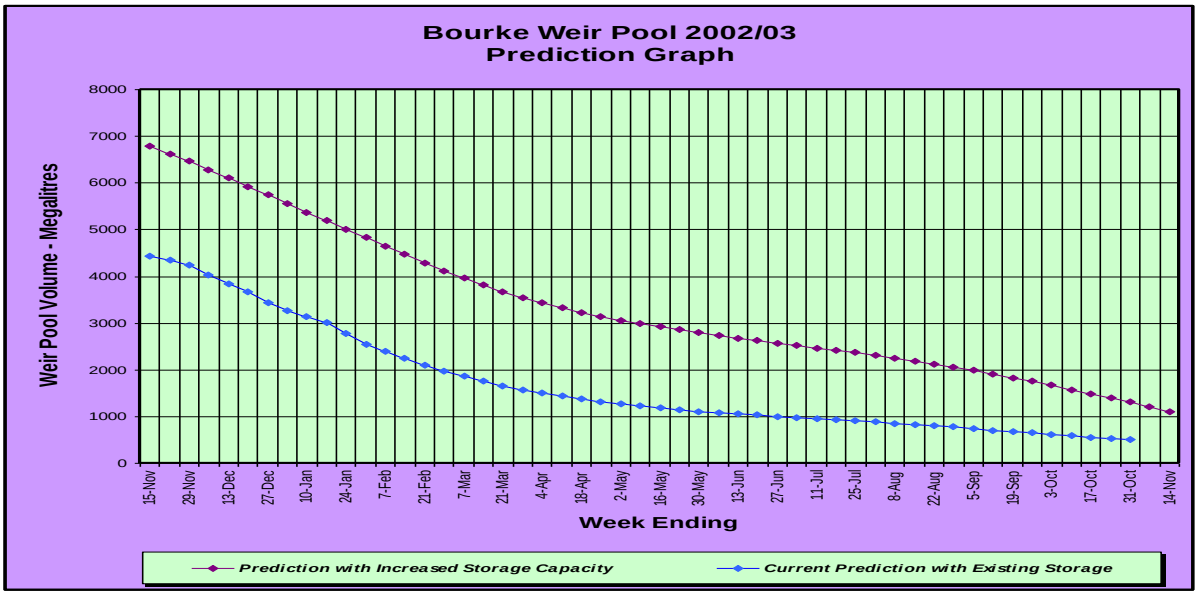
The following sets out details of the various options:

Increase height of current Weir

The current Weir at Bourke commands a weir pool of approximately 5124 ML (mega litres). If the weir height was raised by 1 metre an increase in capacity of approximately 2500 ML or approximately 50% increase would result.

Council during 2003 considered a report in relation to this option which formed the basis of a submission to Government. The proposal was rejected by the Government at that time. The details of the option are summarised below.

The graph indicates the predictions based on the best available data at that time and assumes a 4400 Ml weir pool as the existing supply. This figure was later updated to a 5124 Ml after more detailed investigations.



Graph Showing Water Supply Predictions ***Source Bourke Shire Council***

The graph is based on data collected from the 2002 “no flow” event in the Darling River at Bourke. It shows the actual trend of the weir pool (Lower Line) that occurred from 15 November 2002, until the end of March 2003, and then predicts the remainder of the Weir Pool Trend until 31 October 2003. Under this scenario, Bourke had a 12 months’ supply of water for the community, from the start of a “no flow” period.

The other trend line shown (Upper Line) predicts the trend of the Weir Pool with the storage capacity increased by adding 1.1m to the height of the existing Weir at Bourke. It is clearly shown that initially there is an increase of around 2500ML of storage in the Weir Pool, and additionally this will mean that the life of the town supply will be increased by 5 months. This is over a 40% increase in the life of the town water supply.

The concept involves the following approach:

- Raise the fixed crest section of the weir by approximately 1.1m with a concrete wall.
- Raise the Lock Section of the weir with a movable gate.

The main negative issues associated with this option are as follows:

- NSW Government Policy (no weir policy)
- Who owns the weir?
- Fish issues (may be addressed with ladders)
- Heritage Issues (may be addressed with appropriate design)

The likely cost of this option would be in the order of $1.9M plus the installation of a fish ladder that has not been quoted. (Estimate $8M)

In summary this is a realistic option but would require the consent of Government to succeed. Government funding would also be required. It is considered that this option be revisited and representation made to both the State and Federal Government.

Install New Weir at same crest height upstream

This option involves the construction of a new weir say 10 kilometres upstream of the current weir. The crest height would be the same as the existing weir and the operation of the scheme would involve pumping water from the upper weir pool to the lower weir pool during the “no flow” event.

The objective would be to save on evaporation effects over time particularly as water resources become critical.

The following diagrams detail the concept:

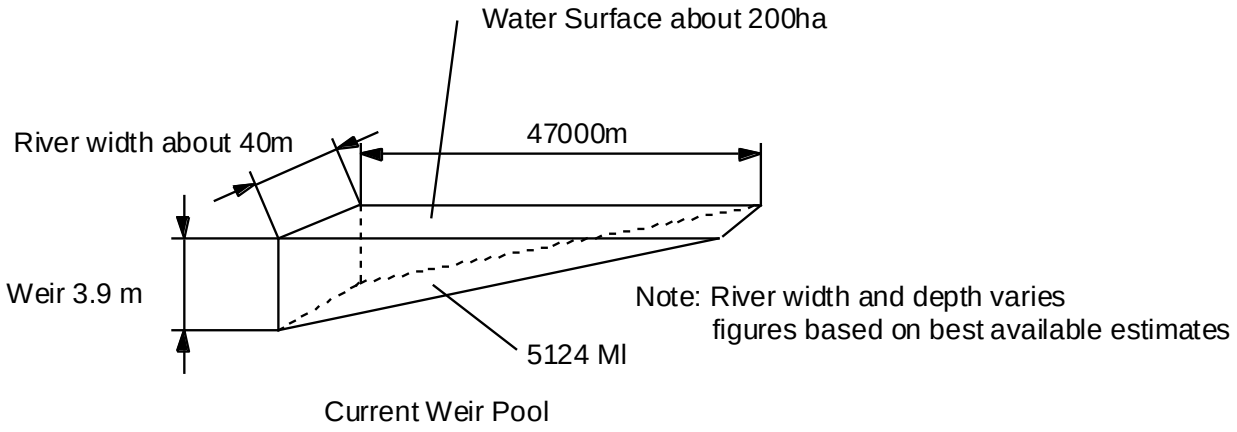


Diagram Showing Water Supply ***Source Bourke Shire Council***

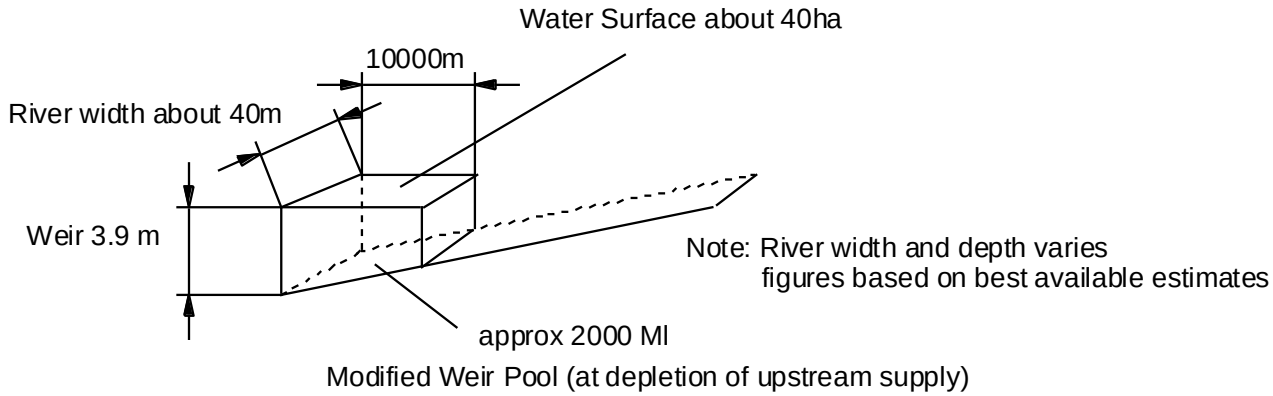


Diagram Showing Water Supply - Source Bourke Shire Council

The above concept would be expected to save approximately 20 ML per day lost to evaporation which is equivalent to the town water usage in summer with no water restrictions, it is also estimated to provide a further 1500 ML of additional water for the weir pool.

The main issues associated with this option are as follows:

- Government Policy (no weir policy)
- Fish issues (can be addressed with ladders)
- Issues with Riparian water users (Government intervention to resolve)
- Issues with the Jandra (Shorter travel distance but more water for longer periods)

The estimated cost of this option would be in the order of $3M (plus the fish ladder $4M).

This option would save considerable water being lost to evaporation because the town supply would be in effect a static supply with clear boundaries. Water management and algae control could be better managed.

In summary this is a realistic option but would require the consent of Government to succeed. Government funding would also be required. It is considered that this option should be tested by representations to both the State and Federal Government.

Install New Weir Upstream of Current Weir Pool (BU 8)

This option involves the construction of a new weir upstream of the current weir.

The proposal would overcome the relevant heritage issues associated with the current weir if raising the height was allowed however this option would be expensive as a complete new weir would be required along with a study to show how much water can be stored.

The main issues associated with this option are as follows:
- Government Policy (no weir policy)
- Fish issues (can be addressed with ladders)
- High cost for limited benefit

The estimated cost of this option would be in the order of $3M (plus $4m fish ladder)

In summary this is a realistic option but would require the consent of Government to succeed. Government funding would also be required. It is considered that this option should be tested by representations to both the State and Federal Government.

Pump from downstream Weir Pool of 19A Weir
This option involves pumping out of the weir pool associated with the 19A weir downstream of the current Bourke weir. It is understood that the supply amounts to approximately 7000ML and is not used by irrigators to the same extent as the Bourke weir pool.

The main issues associated with this option are as follows:
- Government Policy (Non supportive of Weir Changes)
- Pumping and establishment costs

The likely costs associated with the construction of a pipeline and associated pumps would be approximately $1.5M There would be a pumping and maintenance cost involved.

In summary this is a realistic option but would require the consent of Government and local river users on that section of the river to succeed. Government funding would also be required. It is considered that this option should be revisited by representations to both the State and Federal Government.

Build Off Stream Storage
This option involves the construction of an off river storage on the northern side of the river between the weir and the water treatment facility. The soils are believed to be clay over sand and an excavation of material to provide a wall would be required.

Based on a 500m x 500m x 3m Dam a 750 Ml supply would be feasible. Such a facility could be filled during river flow conditions and the supply could be protected from evaporation by “styrene floaters”

The likely cost would be in the order of $1M and ongoing pumping and maintenance costs would be involved.

The main issues associated with this option are as follows:
- Environmental issues (Tree Clearing involved)
- Heritage Issues (Maritime Reserve)
- Stale water (Can be addressed with re-circulation)

There may be other sites that would be suitable that would not have the same issues, an example of this would be a polygnum swamp.

It is considered appropriate that funding should be sought for the necessary feasibility study to further explore this option.

This option would provide a reliable emergency supply and a storage facility that could be topped up from the river or other sources such as a bore or other off river supplies.

In summary this is a realistic option but would require the consent of Government to succeed. Government funding would also be required. It is considered that this option should be tested by representations to both the State and Federal Government for funding of a detailed feasibility study.

Buy Storage Capacity from existing Irrigator Dams

This option involves the purchase of capacity within existing "off river" storages. Indicative prices are in the order of $400 - $700 per Mega Litre which to the lowest estimate equates to $400 per day or $0.36 per house per day for a minimal filtered supply. Preliminary indications are that up to 0 Ml are available.

The likely costs associated would involve the construction of a pipeline with associated pumping and tank facilities. There would be a minor ongoing cost associated with pumping and maintenance.

The main issue associated with this option are as follows:

- Water may not be available when needed

In summary this is a realistic option for a backup supply. It is considered that this option should be perused by negotiating agreements with relevant interested persons. An expression of interest tender could be perused.

New Bores

This option involves the construction of additional bores. It is understood that a new site 5km from Walkdens Bore had been identified and could contribute a further 1Ml of bore water to the town supply

It is considered that this option is worthy of further consideration, Council has applied for a licence and Government funding to complete this option and are awaiting an outcome.

Pindari Dam Water Release

This option involves the release of water from the Pindari Dam. It is noted that the dam levels are generally low (currently 28%) at a time when the water is needed downstream and it is unlikely that waters would be released other than in a situation where other options were not available.

The proposal would involve government co-operation and it is likely there would be wider issues to resolve as to which communities are entitled to the available resource.

It is considered that this option is worthy of further consideration at this time

Treat Wastewater
This option involves recycling of wastewater from the sewerage treatment plant. Preliminary appraisal indicates that the costs would outweigh any real benefit. Only relatively small quantities of water would be available and the treatment costs would be prohibitive.

It is also highly likely that there would be a consumer resistance to use such a supply for a domestic potable supply.

It is considered that this option is not worthy of further consideration at this time as other more viable options are likely.

Dam Billabong
This option involves constructing a dam adjacent to the billabong near North Bourke to provide a static water supply.

Preliminary appraisal indicates a number of difficulties as follows:

- Land is mainly private land
- Possible environmental issues
- Limited storage supply
- High evaporation losses
- Cost for limited benefit

It is considered that this option is not worthy of further consideration at this time as other more viable options are likely.

Encourage Re Cycling and Better Waste Water Management
This option involves promoting water conservation initiatives such as:

- Rainwater tanks
- Waste water re-use and recycling
- Permanent water restrictions such as no fixed sprinklers between 11am and 5 pm during daylight saving times
- Encouraging more efficient watering systems
- Use of AG drains, swales and soaks as a stormwater management tool

To be successful some form of rebate would be required as an incentive to encourage participation.

In summary this is a realistic option but would require Government funding to provide the necessary incentives. It is considered that this option should be perused by representation to both the State and Federal Government.

Do Nothing
This option involves retaining the status quo. The likely consequences are further limitations on prosperity and growth. It should be noted that the town has previously supported a population in the order of double the current level which if revisited over time would require a doubling of existing water consumption levels in the longer term.

It is considered that it is time to plan for a better and more reliable water supply as a key element for the growth of the area.

It is important to maintain the appearance of our parks and town environments in a well maintained condition, both for community wellbeing and morale.

The further development of our tourist industry requires an excellent presentation of the town and the key to future growth dictates a better and more reliable water supply.

Political Considerations
The achievement of the initiatives set out in this report is largely in the hands of higher levels of Government for both approvals and funding.

The reality is that the Council does not have the funds to do what is required to solve the problem.

At the Federal level the issue of Climate Change is high on the agenda. It is likely that funding initiatives will become available to communities that have identified solutions to problems associated with this issue. It is considered appropriate that the Federal Government should be engaged in relation to this issue.

In that regard it is considered appropriate for the Mayor and General Manager to make representations to the relevant Minister for assistance.

At the State level the water Minister be briefed on the issue and for the Mayor and General Manager to make representations to the relevant Ministers for assistance.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the report dealing with options identified to improve the water supply to Bourke**
2. **That Council identify its preferred option(s) and seek an updated cost of the implementation of that option(s).**
3. **That Council continue to pursue funding under the Safe and Secure Water Program**
4. **That Council look to the establishment of another bore to supplement Walkden's Bore as a matter of urgency.**

13. Environmental Services Report

NIL

14. General Manager Report

File No	**A11.2.21 P1.24**
Report: 2/2019	**★ Plan of Management for the Old Golf Club Precinct**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
Bourke and District Children's Services have been anxious to finalise a lease over the properties they occupy in Gorrell Avenue, Bourke that belong to Bourke Shire Council. Council has considered the matter and has previously agreed to the lease. However, prior to being able to lease the land Council has to prepare a Plan of Management over the land as it is community land.

Council has previously resolved as follows;

1. ***Council prepare a Plan of Management in respect of the Golf Course Precinct***
2. ***Council agree to the lease of the both the Old Golf Club Building and the New Pre-School building for a period of five (5) years from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2021 with the option for two (2) additional periods of five (5) years, subject to them meeting the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.***
3. ***That the intent to lease the premises to BDCS be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act.***
4. ***That Term of the lease be as previously determined***

36 Preparation of draft plans of management for community land

(1) A council must prepare a draft plan of management for community land.

(2) A draft plan of management may apply to one or more areas of community land, except as provided by this Division.

(3) A plan of management for community land must identify the following:

(a) the category of the land,

(b) the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,

(c) the means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,

(d) the manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets,

(e) and may require the prior approval of the council to the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

(4) (3A) A plan of management that applies to just one area of community land: must include a description of:

(i) the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the date of adoption of the plan of management, and

(ii) the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date,

must: specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used, and

(i) specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise, and

(ii) describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

(5) For the purposes of this section, land is to be categorised as one or more of the following:
(a) a natural area,
(b) a sportsground,
(c) a park,
(d) an area of cultural significance,
(e) general community use.
(6) Land that is categorised as a natural area is to be further categorised as one or more of the following:
(a) bushland,
(b) wetland,
(c) escarpment,
(d) watercourse,
(e) foreshore,
(f) a category prescribed by the regulations.
(7) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the categorisation of community land under this section, including:
(a) defining any expression used in subsection (4) or (5), and
(b) prescribing guidelines for the categorisation of community land and the effect of any guidelines so prescribed.

Public notice of draft plans of management

38 Public notice of draft plans of management

(1) A council must give public notice of a draft plan of management.
(2) The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.
(3) The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council.
(4) The council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood.

Council gave public notice in respect of the Draft Plan of Management and invited submissions

NO submissions have been received by Bourke Shire Council.

Adoption of plans of management

40 Adoption of plans of management

(1) After considering all submissions received by it concerning the draft plan of management, the council may decide to amend the draft plan or to adopt it without amendment as the plan of management for the community land concerned.
(2) If the council decides to amend the draft plan it must either:
(a) publicly exhibit the amended draft plan in accordance with the provisions of this Division relating to the public exhibition of draft plans, or
(b) if it is of the opinion that the amendments are not substantial, adopt the amended draft plan without public exhibition as the plan of management for the community land concerned.

(2A) If a council adopts an amended plan without public exhibition of the amended draft plan, it must give public notice of that adoption, and of the terms of the amended plan of management, as soon as practicable after the adoption.

(3) The council may not, however, proceed to adopt the plan until any public hearing required under section 40A has been held in accordance with section 40A.

Public hearing in relation to proposed plans of management

40A Public hearing in relation to proposed plans of management

(1) The council must hold a public hearing in respect of a proposed plan of management (including a plan of management that amends another plan of management) if the proposed plan would have the effect of categorising, or altering the categorisation of, community land under section 36 (4).

(2) However, a public hearing is not required if the proposed plan would merely have the effect of altering the categorisation of the land under section 36 (5).

(3) A council must hold a further public hearing in respect of the proposed plan of management if:

(a) the council decides to amend the proposed plan after a public hearing has been held in accordance with this section, and

(b) the amendment of the plan would have the effect of altering the categorisation of community land under section 36 (4) from the categorisation of that land in the proposed plan that was considered at the previous public hearing.

47G Public hearings

*(1) In this section, **"public hearing"** means any public hearing required to be arranged under this Part.*

(2) The person presiding at a public hearing must not be:

(a) a councillor or employee of the council holding the public hearing, or

(b) a person who has been a councillor or employee of that council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

(3) Not later than 4 days after it has received a report from the person presiding at the public hearing as to the result of the hearing, the council must make a copy of the report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the council.

A Public Hearing was convened on the 18th December 2018. The Public Hearing was chaired by Lisa Crothers and a copy of report was received and placed on Councils website and also made available at Councils Offices and Bourke Public Library.

Current Situation:

The Final Draft Plan of Management is included with the to the Business Paper and can also be accessed on Councils Website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au

Also included is the Report from the independent Presiding Officer Lisa Crothers which is also available on the website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au

Financial Implications:

There no significant financial implications for Council with previous reports detailing the costs to Council which have been included in subsequent budgets.

There has been a significant investment of time in complying with the various provisions in relation to the Preparation of the Plan of Management.

If Council intends to lease the property in respect of which the Plan of Management has been made, the provision to be able to lease should be included in the Plan of Management. This provision has been included.

Section 46 of the Local Government 1993 provides as

46 Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land - generally

(1) A lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land:

(a) may be granted for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities, or

(a1) may be granted for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider, or

(b) may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management and such provisions of the plan of management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:

i) for a purpose prescribed by subsection (4), or for a purpose prescribed by any of sections 36E to 36N as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned, or

ii) for a purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land, or

iii) for a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations, or

iv) for a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the council, or may be granted in order to allow a filming project to be carried out, whether or not the project is in accordance with the plan of management or is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land concerned,

v) but may not otherwise be granted.

(2) The following purposes are prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1) (b) (i):

(3) the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:

(a) public recreation,

(b) the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons,

(c) the provision of public roads.

(4) A lease etc must be authorised in a plan of management AND be for a purpose consistent with the core objectives for the category of land AND be for a purpose listed in section 46(1) (b). A lease that is authorised by a plan, but which is not for a permitted purpose, is invalid under the Local Government Act.

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the Plan of Management for the Bourke Golf Club Precinct being Western Lands Lease No. 9618

File No	P4.1.4
Report: 3/2019	★ Adoption of New Code of Conduct for Local Government in New South Wales
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
The 2018 Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and the associated Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW were prescribed on 14 December 2018.

Key changes include:

- Incorporates the pecuniary interest provisions previously contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulation
- New standards relating to discrimination and harassment, bullying, work health and safety, behaviour at meetings, access to information and maintenance of council records
- New rules governing the acceptance of gifts including mandatory reporting
- New ongoing disclosure requirement for councillors and designated persons requiring disclosure of new interests in returns of interests within three months of becoming aware of them
- Councillors will be required to disclose in their returns of interests whether they are a property developer or a close associate of a property developer.

2018 Model Code of Conduct attached for Councillors as a hard copy and an electronic copy can be found at
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Model%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20-2018%20-%20FINAL_0.pdf

Current Situation:
Councils must adopt the new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures within 6 months of prescription, (between 14 December 2018 – 14 June 2019). Councils' existing adopted codes of conduct and procedures will remain in force until councils adopt a new code of conduct and procedures, based on the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures prescribed under the Regulation.

Councils may include supplementary provisions in their adopted codes of conduct and may also impose more onerous requirements than those prescribed under the Model Code of Conduct. However, councils must not dilute the standards prescribed in the Model Code of Conduct.

Financial Implications:
There are no significant implications in the adoption of the New Model Code of Conduct.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the report in relation to the New Model Code of Conduct**
2. **That Council rescind the existing Bourke Shire Council Model Code of Conduct Policy**
3. **That Council adopt the new Code of Conduct for Councils in New South Wales**
4. **That the General Manager ensure that all Councillors and staff are aware of the New Code of Conduct and in particular any changes**

File No	**P4.1.4**
Report: 4/2019	**Workshop for the New Code of Meeting Practice**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
The Model Meeting Code comprises of mandatory and non-mandatory provisions. Councils must adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code no later than 12 months after the next ordinary council elections. Councils' adopted codes of meeting practice may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code and other supplementary provisions as long as they are not inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

Joint organisations and county councils must also adopt codes of meeting practice based on the Model Meeting Code.

In the Model Meeting Code, mandatory provisions are indicated in black font and the non-mandatory provisions are indicated in red font. The provisions that are specific to joint organisations are indicated in blue font.

Councils are required to consult with their communities prior to adopting a code of meeting practice.

Until a council adopts a new code of meeting practice, its existing code of meeting practice will remain in force up until six months from the date on which the new Model Meeting Code was prescribed (14 December 2018 – 14 June 2019). If a council fails to adopt a new code of meeting practice within this period, any provisions of the council's adopted meeting code that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed under the Regulation will automatically cease to have any effect to the extent that they are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code.

In addition, irrespective of whether councils have adopted a code of meeting practice based on the Model Meeting Code, all councils (but not joint organisations) will be required to webcast meetings of the council and committees of which all members are councillors from 14 December 2019. The webcasting requirement may be met simply by posting an audio or video recording of the meeting on the council's website.

Application
The Model Meeting Code applies to all meetings of councils and committees of councils of which all the members are Councillors.

Council committees whose members include persons other than Councillors may adopt their own rules for meetings, unless the council determines otherwise.

Current Situation:
<u>What's new or changing?</u>

- Amendments made to the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA) in August 2016 by the *Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016* (the Phase 1 amendments) provide for a model code of meeting practice (Model Meeting Code) to be prescribed by the Regulation.

- Following an extensive consultation process, a Model Meeting Code has been prescribed under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation) and the existing meetings provisions of the Regulation have been repealed. The new Model Meeting Code is available on OLG's website.
- The Model Meeting Code has two elements:
- It contains mandatory provisions **(indicated in black font)** that reflect the existing meetings provisions of the Act and update and enhance the meetings provisions previously prescribed under the Regulation to reflect contemporary meetings practice by councils.
- It contains non-mandatory provisions **(indicated in red font)** that cover areas of meetings practice that are common to most councils but where there may be a need for some variation in practice between councils based on local circumstances. The non-mandatory provisions also operate to set a benchmark based on what OLG sees as being best practice for the relevant area of practice.
- The Model Meeting Code also applies to meetings of the boards of joint organisations and county councils. The provisions that are specific to meetings of boards of joint organisations are **indicated in blue font**. References to councils below also include references to joint organisations and county council unless otherwise specified.

2018 Model Code of Meeting Practice is provided to Councillors as a hard copy and an electronic copy can be found at;
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Model%20Code%20of%20Meeting%20Practice%20for%20Local%20Councils%20in%20NSW%202018.pdf

Frequently asked relating to changes to the Model Meeting Code are answered by the Office of Local Government at;
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/18-45%20Attachment.pdf

Financial Implications
This should be able to be met via existing budgetary allocations, although depending on the standard of the webcasting provided may need a supplementary vote.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note this report on the Code of Meeting Practice.**
2. **That Council determine a date in early April to hold a "Model Code of Meeting Workshop" for Councillors and Senior Staff early April 2019 to look at which of the optional provisions it wishes to include the Code of Meeting Practice for Bourke Shire Council prior to its adoption.**

File No	P4.1.4 C11.11
Report: 5/2019	★ Councillor Induction Guidelines
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
The role exercised by Mayors and Councillors is a very demanding one and the community has high expectations of the performance of the Mayor and Councillors. Ongoing professional development and training, as well as early relationship building between councillors, is essential if the community is to be well served by their elected representatives on council.

The NSW Local Government Act 1193 prescribes the roles and responsibilities of Mayors and Councillors both collectively as the governing body of the council, and as individual members of the governing body. *It also places a responsibility on each mayor and councillor to make all reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to perform their roles.*

The Regulation requires General Managers to deliver induction and ongoing professional development programs that will help Mayors and Councillors to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to perform their roles. Mayors and Councillors have a reciprocal obligation to participate in these programs.

Current Situation:
A hard copy of the 2018 Councillor Induction Guidelines has been distributed to Councillors and an electronic copy of the Councillor Induction Guidelines can be found at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Councillor%20Induction%20Guidelines%202018.pdf

Councillors have been invited to attend Councillor training on 7th February 2019 in Brewarrina (details e-mailed to Councillors 7th January 2019). The training will be delivered by Mr Graeme Fleming and topics covered will include;

- Code of Conduct for Elected Members
- Developing Capabilities for Elected Members
- And Strategic Business Planning

Financial Implications
The cost of Training should be able to be met from existing budgetary provisions and ongoing costs will be factored into the 2019/2020 Operational Plan.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the report and 2018 Councillor Induction Guidelines as information**
2. **That Councillors wishing to attend the training in Brewarrina contact the General Manager so that appropriate registrations can be made**
3. **That Bourke Shire Council meets the costs of all representatives attending Councillor training at Brewarrina on Thursday the 7th February 2019**

File No	**G4.88**
Report: 6/2019	**Drought Communities Extension Program**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:

Bourke Shire Council was successful in its application for the one million dollars available to it under the Drought Communities Extension Program.

Projects approved include;

1. **DPC0023 - Faster Responses in an emergency - Rural Addressing Employment Stimulus $66,000**
   The project will provide employment for 1 to 2 people (traditionally employed in the agricultural industry ie. farmers / farmhands) for a period of 2 - 3 months. In addition to the economic outcome, the Bourke LGA will benefit exponentially to the social benefit of having the "Rural Addressing" system installed in the event of an emergency ie. Ambulances attending to a remote property.

   The project will involve the purchase of rural addressing signage and sign posts. The specifications and design will be supplied by Bourke Shire Council as there are specific requirements and these signs cannot be produced locally. Council will put to tender the installation of signs throughout the Bourke LGA with the successful tenderer being responsible for travel and installation. Tender payments will be made on progress as sections of sign are installed across the Bourke LGA will result in payment milestones.

2. **DPC0022 - Bourke and District Community Stimulus - $200,000**
   This project will support investment in local infrastructure initiatives for sporting, community groups and not-for profit / community-based organisations. Capital works such as improvements to club houses, toilets, kitchens, fences and general infrastructure improvements of up to $20,000 are eligible. Projects that provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought; stimulate local community spending; use local resources, businesses and suppliers; and/or provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend. There are criteria and project plan templates for applicants to complete.

3. **DPC0024 Toilets at Bourke Cemetery - $25,000**
   This project will include the construction and install of a pre-fabricated, unisex toilets to be located at the Bourke Cemetery. The project will include connection to town water and sewer system. Local contractors will be employed to undertake all works.

4. **DPC0025 Back O Bourke Regional Function and Conference Centre $150,000**
   Back O Bourke Centre has available space that could be utilised as a function / event centre however renovations are required to achieve this outcome. The renovation will include addition of blinds, furniture and audio / visual equipment for presentations / meetings, the existing room will be re-lined, painted and new floor

coverings fitted. The renovation will be undertaken by local trades and local business will supply all fixtures and fittings.

5. **DPC0067 Wharf Employment Project - $60,000**
   Local labourers who would normally be employed in the Agricultural industry will be employed to undertake repairs to the Bourke Wharf to ensure its future as an iconic tourism attraction for Bourke. This project has been identified by Council as an activity that has the ability to create employment for 2 to 3 people for 2-3 months. Repairs will be undertaken under the supervision of an expert timber bridge builder and include; replacement of the wharf flooring, steps and safety barriers and the addition of a drainage system to preserve the Wharf into the future.

6. **DPC0068 Central Park - Be Active, Social and Safe - $259,000**
   Bourke Shire Council is committed to providing infrastructure designed to keep their community engaged in positive, safe and social activity, particularly for their youth to discourage ant-social behaviours. Central Park - Be Active, Social and Safe will include the addition of new toilets, an all-hours basketball / netball court, replace the fence around the tennis courts, erect a shade sail over skate park and provide tennis court lighting. These improvements will increase the use of Central Park by Bourke residents and visitors to the area, particularly with the inclusion of public toilets.

7. **DCP0069 Bourke CBD beautification of public spaces employment program - $180,000**
   This project will include the construction of a community amphitheatre located at "Royal Park" - this will include building a seating structure, building and installing garden beds / landscape infrastructure, planting lawn and gardens. The creation of a public space for local and interstate performances, outdoor meeting place and community hub for social engagement will improve the "livability" of Bourke. This project will create a socially inclusive space, in a currently vacant lot of land, adjacent to the Bourke Wharf Precinct. This project will tie the main street to the River creating a social and retail "link" between the main-street and businesses around the Wharf area. This project will employ local contractors, trades, farmers / farm labourers as well as having flow-on effects to local businesses as all materials will be sourced and purchased locally. This project will contribute to the economic activity of the region and the retention of business and services particularly benefits to the tourism industry with additional infrastructure to support community events.

8. **DCP0070 Drought Events - Social and Economic Stimulation - $60,000**
   Finances will be made available ($60K) to host events throughout the Bourke District. The project will include an expression of interest advertised by Bourke Shire Council for Village Progress Associations to put forward a proposal on how $5,000 could be spent on social activities in their village. The allocation is $5,000 for each Bourke Village ($25,000) and $35,000 for the township of Bourke. Bourke traditionally hosts activities and events during the annual Easter holidays - in 2019 these events will be bolstered with a "Day in the Dust" event with live music.

Current Situation:
Bourke Shire Council has been invited to enter into a contract with the Australian Government, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (The Commonwealth") for the above eight (8) projects.\

Preliminary work has commenced on the above projects with very tight deadlines as the completion and acquittal of projects due by **30th June 2019**.

Financial Implications
Council agrees to accept and acquit One (1) Million Dollars of funding provided through the Australian Governments Drought Communities Extension Program.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the report in relation to the Drought Communities Extension Program.**
2. **That Council execute the funding agreement with the Australian Government (Commonwealth) for the 2019 Drought Communities Extension Program for a total of $1,000,000 and affixed Councils seal.**

File No	**W2.2.9 W2.2.12**
Report: 7/2019	**★ Water Supply Update – Late Report**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

The current water situation at Bourke is unpredictable. The General Manager will provide Councillors with an updated report to be circulated by e-mail on Friday 18th January 2019 detailing the most current information for Councils consideration.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the late report in relation to Bourke Water Supply.**

File No	**A3.3 P4.2**
Report: 8/2019	**★ Preparation of 2019/2020 Operational Plan (Budget)**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
Work on the budget is essentially a year round project and work has already commenced on the compilation of the 2019/2020 Operational Plan (Budget).

If any Councillor has a project they wish to have included in the Operational Plan or would like to see an amendment to the current level of expenditure or current level of service in any area they are asked to contact the Manager of Corporate Services at their earliest convenience.

As Councillors are aware the opportunity was taken to hold the last round of Village Community Consultation meetings late in 2018 with the first few months of 2019 shaping up to be particularly busy.

Given latest round of Community consultation meetings was held earlier it does now provide additional time to allow staff to cost and consider projects for inclusion in the 2019/2020 Draft Operational Plan which were raised with Council during the Community Consultation meetings.

Council often receives requests for assistance and for items to be included in the Operation Plan following the completion of the Operational Plan and to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have input prior to the document being finalised, it is again intended to place an advertisements seeking the submissions of such requests.

It is proposed, as has been the case in the past few years that the Draft Operational Plan for 2019/2020 to include provision for the adoption of the maximum rate increase allowed for by IPART in their annual determination, which for 2019/2020 will be 2.7%.

It is proposed that the Water and Sewer Operational Plans will be structured to allow for a balanced budget, inclusive of the depreciation. This has become increasing difficult as the level of depreciation has increased following revaluations.

The Water Fund will also need to factor in the operation of the new the new Water Treatment Plant which will hopefully be completed in the latter stages of the 2019/2020 financial year with the construction and the supply of water to the new Abattoir.

Current Situation:
Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, a Council is required to develop and adopted a number of documents including; a Community Strategic Plan, a Delivery Plan, a Long Term Financial Plan, Resourcing Strategy and an Asset Management Plan and the 2019/2020 Draft Operational Plan will align to these documents, where possible.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) was reviewed in 2016 and changes where applicable where included within the 2018/2019 budget and this will continue in 2019/2010.

The increase in wages as detailed under the Local Government State Award is likely to be around 2.5% and this obviously flows onto wage related costs including superannuation and workers compensation.

The increases for individual employees will vary as they progress through the skills based salary system, however, an overall figure of 4% will be utilised in the compilation of the increase in wages.

The increase in wages will place an additional cost burden of around $350,000.00 which will need to be compensated for by an increase in income or reduction of costs as a result of reduced expenditure or efficiency gains.

For the sake of comparison it is interesting to note that the increase in General Rates will result in about $30,000.00 being raised.

Given the increase in costs generally, the budget will once again be tight and it is hoped that additional savings and efficiencies will continue to able to be identified as we see changes in both work practices and the use of technology and improved equipment.

Council has been fortunate to be able to secure significant funding from a number of grant sources and this will assist in being able to provide opportunities for employment.

Fees and charges will be set as a minimum, on full cost recovery basis and where applicable include on-costs. Some fees are set by legislation or by external bodies and Council fees will obviously reflect these determinations in the fee structure.

Draft Timetable for the Preparation and Adoption of the 2019/2019 Operational Plan

January 2nd	Preparation Commenced
March 15th	MANEX Meeting to Finalise Preliminary Document
March 22nd	Draft Document Distributed
April 4th	Meeting of Corporate Service Committee to considerer preliminary document
March 24th	Draft Document to Council for approval to proceed to advertisement
April 11th	Period of Public Notices Commences
May 16th	Closing Date for Submissions to be lodged
May 27th	Submissions presented to Council for consideration
May 27th	Subject to any amendments the Operational Plan is to be adopted
June 13th	Final Document published and distributed

Financial Implications:
The Operational Plan provides the budgetary framework for Council's operation for the year and is an extremely important document.

Recommendation:

1. **That the 2019/2020 Operational Plan be prepared utilising the 2.7% General Rate increase as determined by IPART.**
2. **That any Councillors wishing to have an item included in the 2019/2020 Draft Operational Plan for consideration notify the Manager of Corporate Services by 28th February 2019.**

File No	S1.1 S1.1.2
Report: 9/2019	Western Division Conference Bourke 2019
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
Bourke will be hosting the Conference on Sunday, 24th Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th February 2019 in accordance with the rotation of the Conference amongst member Councils.

The opportunity exists to re-energise the Western Division as a powerful lobby group.

Current Situation:
Putting together a program takes a considerable amount of work and lead time and I am pleased to advise that the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP will open the Conference and deliver an address.

Also confirming their attendance are the Shadow Minister of Local Government, the Hon. Peter Primrose MLC, The Chief Executive of The Office of Local Government, Tim Hurst and the President of Local Government New South Wales, Linda Scott and The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MLC, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education.

Parliamentary Secretary for Western Division, the Hon. Rick Colless, MLC will also attend as will Local Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, MP, the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, MP will attend subject to the sitting dates of parliament.

Plans are coming together albeit not without some minor problems which have largely been resolved.

A copy of the DRAFT program is attached for Councillors information.

Given the fact that the conference is being held in Bourke it does provide an ideal opportunity for Councillors to attend and get an indication of the issues impacting on Local Government more generally across the state.

Part of the Conference relates to the consideration of motions on issues that impact on the Councils in Western Division or Local Government more generally.

Councillors who have an issue that they see as relevant to present to the Conference are encouraged to submit same to the General Manager.

Financial Implications.
Sponsorship for the conference has been secured and by a combination of sponsorship and registration fees the conference should effectively be cost neutral from a Council budget viewpoint

Recommendation:

1. **That Council note the report in relation to the 2019 Annual Conference of the Western Division Councils.**
2. **That Councillors note the opportunity to lodge motions for discussion**
3. **That those Councillors who intend to attend all or part of the conference are urged to indicate same so a registration can be completed.**

File No	**A11.2.21**
Report: 10/2019	**★ Lease of Old Golf Club and New Pre School Building to Bourke and District Children's Services**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:

The Bourke and District Children's Services have been anxious to enter into a lease with Council for the Old Golf Club and the New Pre-School Building

In adopting the Plan of Management for Golf Club Precinct, it provides Council with the ability to now enter into a lease with the Bourke and District Children's Services for the Old Golf Club and the New Pre-School Building

46 Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land--generally

(1) A lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land:
(a) may be granted for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities, or
(a1) may be granted for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or other public utility provider, or

(b) may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management and such provisions of the plan of management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:
(i) for a purpose prescribed by subsection (4), or for a purpose prescribed by any of sections 36E to 36N as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned, or
(ii) for a purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land, or
(iii) for a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations, or
(iv) for a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the council, or may be granted in order to allow a filming project to be carried out, whether or not the project is in accordance with the plan of management or is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land concerned,

(v) but may not otherwise be granted.

(2) The following purposes are prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1) (b) (i):

(a) the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:

(i) public recreation,

(ii) the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons,

(iii) the provision of public roads.

(b) A lease etc must be authorised in a plan of management AND be for a purpose consistent with the core objectives for the category of land AND be for a purpose listed in section 46(1) (b). A lease that is authorised by a plan, but which is not for a permitted purpose, is invalid under the Local Government Act.

Current Situation:
The lease propose is for an initial period of five (5) years an option for plus two (2) additional five (5) year Periods

Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land - terms greater than 5 years

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(1) If a council proposes to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land for a period (including any period for which the lease, licence or other estate could be renewed by the exercise of an option) exceeding 5 years, it must:

(a) give public notice of the proposal (including on the council's website), and

(b) exhibit notice of the proposal on the land to which the proposal relates, and

(c) give notice of the proposal to such persons as appear to it to own or occupy the land adjoining the community land, and

(d) give notice of the proposal to any other person, appearing to the council to be the owner or occupier of land in the vicinity of the community land, if in the opinion of the council the land the subject of the proposal is likely to form the primary focus of the person's enjoyment of community land.

(2) A notice of the proposal must include:

a) information sufficient to identify the community land concerned
b) the purpose for which the land will be used under the proposed lease, licence or other estate
c) the term of the proposed lease, licence or other estate (including particulars of any options for renewal)
d) the name of the person to whom it is proposed to grant the lease, licence or other estate (if known)
e) a statement that submissions in writing may be made to the council concerning the proposal within a period, not less than 28 days, specified in the notice.

(3) Any person may make a submission in writing to the council during the period specified for the purpose in the notice.
(4) Before granting the lease, licence or other estate, the council must consider all submissions duly made to it.
(5) The council must not grant the lease, licence or other estate except with the Minister's consent, if:
  a) a person makes a submission by way of objection to the proposal, or
  b) in the case of a lease or licence, the period (including any period for which the lease or licence could be renewed by the exercise of an option) of the lease or licence exceeds 21 years.

(6) If the council applies for the Minister's consent, it must forward with its application:
  a. a copy of the plan of management for the land
  b. details of all objections received and a statement setting out, for each objection, the council's decision and the reasons for its decision
  c. a statement setting out all the facts concerning the proposal to grant the lease, licence or other estate
  d. a copy of the public notice of the proposal
  e. a statement setting out the terms, conditions, restrictions and covenants proposed to be included in the lease, licence or other estate
  f. if the application relates to a lease or licence for a period (including any period for which the lease or licence could be renewed by the exercise of an option) exceeding 21 years, a statement outlining the special circumstances that justify the period of the lease or licence exceeding 21 years
  g. a statement setting out the manner in which and the extent to which the public interest would, in the council's opinion, be affected by the granting of the proposed lease, licence or other estate, including the manner in which and the extent to which the needs of the area with respect to community land would, in the council's opinion, be adversely affected by the granting of the proposed lease, licence or other estate.
(7) On receipt of the application, the Minister must request the Director of Planning to furnish a report concerning the application within such period as the Minister specifies.
(8) After considering the application and any report of the Director of Planning, the Minister, if satisfied that:
  (a) subsections (1), (2) and (6) have been complied with, and
  (b) such consent would not contravene section 46, and
  (c) in all the circumstances, it is desirable to grant consent,
    (1) may consent to the granting of a lease, licence or other estate in respect of the whole or part of the land to which the application relates, subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister specifies.
    (2) (8AA) The Minister may consent to a lease or licence referred to in subsection (5) (b) only if the Minister is satisfied that there are special circumstances that justify the period of the lease or licence exceeding 21 years.
    (3) (8A) On request by any person, the Minister must provide that person, within 14 days of that request, with a written statement of reasons for consenting to, or refusing to consent to, the granting of a lease, licence or other estate in accordance with subsection (8).
(9) The Minister's consent is conclusive evidence that the council has complied with subsections (1), (2) and (6).

(10) For the purposes of this section, any provision made by a lease or licence, or by an instrument granting any other estate, in respect of community land, according to which the council:

(a) would suffer a disadvantage or penalty if the same or a similar lease, licence or estate were not to be granted, for a further term, after the expiry of the current lease, licence or other estate, or

(b) would enjoy an advantage or benefit if the same or a similar lease, licence or estate were to be so granted, is taken to confer an option for renewal for a term equal to the further term.

The required public notice and advice has been given and NO submissions have been received

Financial Implications
There no significant financial implications for Council with previous reports detailing the costs to Council which have been included in subsequent budgets.

There has been a significant investment of time in complying with the various provisions in relation to the Preparation of the Plan of Management.

If Council intends to lease the property in respect of which the Plan of Management has been made the provision to be able to lease should be included in the Plan of Management, and the prepared Plan of Management in respect of the Golf Cub's precinct contains that provision.

Council has previously resolved as follows

Resolution
307/2016

1. ***That Bourke and District Children's Services (BDCS) pay a rental contribution of $20,000.00 in 2016/2017 to meet the cost of all outgoings including water consumption, alarm monitoring, minor repairs etc.***
2. ***That Council to continue to meet the rates and insurance costs associated with the buildings with the balance from the $20,000.00 to be put into a sinking fund to meet any costs for major repairs in the future.***

Recommendation:

1. **That Council agrees to the lease of the Bourke Pre-School and The Old Bourke Golf Club to Bourke and District Children's Services for an initial period of five (5) years with options for a further two (2) five year periods.**
2. **That the lease amount be as previously determined with the addition of an annual increase in line with the Annual General rate increase applicable to Councils each year.**

File No	**C12.1**
Report: 11/2019	**Reminder of Change of Meeting Days for February and April 2019**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
Council has resolved that its meetings be held on the fourth Monday of each month, however, due to a number of reasons has had to amended a few of these dates during 2019.

Current Situation:
This report is to serve as a reminder that the February Meeting will be held on 19th February with the normal meeting date being the opening day of the Western Division Conference to be hosted by Bourke Shire Council.

The April meeting will be held on the 29th April as the normal meeting date of the 22nd April 2019, is Easter Monday and is also a Public Holiday.

Financial Implications
There are no significant financial implications for Council

Recommendation:
1. That Council note the changes of meeting dates for February and April 2019

File No	**P1.5.1 F1.2**
Report: 12/2019	**★ Davison Oval Electricity Charges**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
Under the funding provided through the Stronger Country Communities Fund the lights at Davidson Oval where upgraded and new lights were installed at Coolican Oval.

The new lights are LED lights and are much cheaper to use and maintain.

The current charges for floodlights at Davison Oval is $80 per hour, which is reflective of the high cost involved in the maintenance and bulb replacement plus the high energy usage.

The electricity charge at Coolican Oval is currently set at $40.00 per hour for general usage.

Since the new lights were installed an analysis was undertaken of the new electricity consumption levels and estimated maintenance costs and a fee of $25.00 per hour has been determined for Davidson Oval Floodlights whilst $12.50 would seem to be a cost recovery rate at Coolican Oval.

Current situation
A report as detailed above, was tabled at the November meeting of Council, where it was resolved as follows

449/2018

1. **That Council adopt the new fee structure for the flood lighting at Davidson Oval of $25.00 per hour.**
2. **That Council adopt the charge of $12.50 per hour for the floodlights at Coolican Oval**
3. **That Council monitor both the usage and maintenance costs for the lights to ensure full cost recovery is being achieved**
4. **That the general charge for electricity for Davidson and Coolican Oval generally be revoked and a cost be charged based on actual consumption plus a meter reading fee of $25.00 for commercial operations for usage other than flood lighting.**
5. **That the revised fees as detail above be formally advertised and placed on public exhibition calling for submissions on the proposed changes for a period of 28 days.**
6. **That a further report be brought back to council after due consideration of any submissions received.**

Moved Cr Ford **Seconded Cr Barton**

Carried

As detailed in section five of that resolution Council advertised the proposed new change in fees in relation to the use of the lights at both Coolican and Davidson Ovals for a period of 28 days are invited submissions in relation to the change. No submissions were received

Financial Implications

The new fee incorporates a component for the electricity usage plus a loading to replace the lights as needed.

Fees and charges are based in this instance on a cost recovery basis and as such will have no substantial financial implications

Recommendation:
1. **That Council adopted the new charges of $25.00 per hour for the use of floodlights at Davidson Oval and $12.50 for the use of floodlights at Coolican Oval.**
2. **That Council monitor both the usage and maintenance costs for the lights to ensure full cost recovery is being achieved.**

File No	**L8.19 L8.3**
Report: 12/2019	**LGNSW Sustainability Working Group**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
During 2019, LGNSW intends to redouble its advocacy on Local Government financial sustainability. While financial sustainability has been a long-standing priority for LGNSW. The President, Councillor Linda Scott feels there is a need to refresh and sharpen the focus of our advocacy in this area.

It is felt that the development of a new strategy will assist in the advancing the local government financial sustainability agenda.

Current Situation:
LGNSW has formed a small reference group of General Managers and Finance Directors from a cross-section of councils to assisting in guiding the development of this new strategy. It is proposed that the reference group will initially meet face to face on two occasions, with the need for any further meetings to be determined by the group.

I was invited to join the Working Group no doubt to ensure that the smaller and Western Councils had a voice as the issue of sustainability is particularly relevant to these Councils. The initial meeting took place on Thursday 17th January 2018 at the LGNSW Boardroom Level 8, 28 Margaret St, Sydney.

Financial Implications
There will be some travel costs involved but these with be met from existing budgetary allocations.

Recommendation:
1. That Council note the acceptance by the General Manager of an invitation to be part of the Local Government New South Wales Sustainability Working Group.

File No	**G4.97**
Report: 13/2019	**Seal on Funding Deed for Pottery Facility**
Responsible Officer	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
Bourke Art Community Inc (BAC) will in collaboration with Bourke Shire Council will refurbish a vacant shed in Sid Coleman Drive, Bourke Airport into a pottery centre.

Works to be undertaken include; installing 3 phase power, re-lining the ceilings, walls insulation, reverse cycle air-conditioning, new gas line, kiln, slab roller, 3 x pottery wheels solar system.

An offer of funding for works of $60,000 has been received from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment by Bourke Shire Council on behalf of Bourke Arts Council (Recipient) to undertake this project.

Current Situation:
To be able to accept the funding, Council is required to enter into a funding agreement with NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Financial Implications
Council is required to manage and acquit $60,000 for Bourke Arts Council to undertake Pottery Facility project.

The use of the Shed at North Bourke should be on a cost neutral basis.

Recommendation:
1. **That Council note the report.**
2. **That Council authorise the executing of the funding agreement with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for $60,000 for works to develop a pottery facility at Sid Coleman Drive, Bourke Airport and affixing of the Seal of Council to all relevant documentation.**

15. Corporate Services Report

File No:	**F1.1**
Report: 14/2019	**★ Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances (Nov 2018)**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services**

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30th November 2018

Balances as per Bank Statement	$1,098,386.40
Plus: Deposit not shown	$13,208.63
Less: Unpresented Payments	$10,080.80
Balance as per Cash Book	**$1,101,514.23**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30th November 2018

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$14,682,730.61	$200,000.00
Water	$3,937,323.19	
Sewer	$1,867,073.53	
Trust	$94,079.59	
Total Funds	**$20,581,206.92**	

Investments as at 30th November 2018

National Australia Bank	$1,037,917.81	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,162,609.63	2.71 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,039,116.76	2.52 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,627,345.71	2.60 %	309 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,020,606.08	2.62 %	334 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,341,990.90	2.63 %	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$430,708.87	2.63 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,070,256.16	2.75 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,861,321.00	2.76 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$696,285.17	2.71 %	272 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,100,595.74	2.67 %	270 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$672,163,98	2.65 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$769,258.30	2.72 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$646,298.16	2.72 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,782,352.50	2.75 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,220,865.92	Flex		
Total Investments	**$19,479,692.69**			

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2005 is certified that the above investments have been made under Sec 625 of the Local Government Act and Council's Investment Policy.

Reconciliation at 30th November 2018

Balance as per cash book	**$1,101,514.23**
Investments	**$19,479,692.69**
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	**$20,581,206.92**

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th November 2018

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31st October 2017		**30th November 2017**
General Fund	$13,898,760.79	$783,969.82	$14,682,730.61
Water Fund	$4,011,225.54	-$73,902.35	$3,937,323.19
Sewer Fund	$1,754,486.53	$112,587.00	$1,867,073.53
Trust Fund	$120,488.39	-$26,408.80	$94,079.59
Investments	-$18,531,068.78	-$948,623.91	-$19,479,692.69
Totals	**$1,253,892.47**	**-$152,378.24**	**$1,101,514.23**

Balance of all Funds as at 31st October 2018
$1,253,892.47

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$558,840.05
(b) Other Cash	$2,476,974.03
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	$2,239,568.41
(b) New Investment	$948,623.91
Balance as 30th November 2018	**$1,101,514.23**

Recommendation:
That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th November 2018 be noted.

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

File No:	**F1.1**
Report: 15/2019	**★ Investment Report as at 30th November 2018**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services**

Introduction
Under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report on Council's Investment portfolio on a monthly basis.

Background
The report is submitted monthly to Council.

Issues
- Investments are in accordance with Division of Local Government Guidelines and Council's Investment Policy
- Statutory obligations are being met
- Councillors roles as resource allocators and policy directors are satisfied

Assessment
1. Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines
Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The management of Council's investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

2. Financial Implications/Consideration
The 2018/19 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2.3%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 30th November 2018 is $19,479,692.69.

Investment income earned as at 30th November 2018 is $168,643.56

3. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure
Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 22nd August 2016.
Ministerial Investment Order – 12th January 2011

4. Strategic Implications – Implications For Long Term Plans/Targets
Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements

Investment Portfolio

Council's current Investment Portfolio is as at the 30th November 2018 is as follows:-

National Australia Bank	$1,037,917.81	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
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Term Deposits

Percentage of Total Portfolio 2.61%
Average Investment Yield 100%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by $948,623.91 during the period.

The investment portfolio is invested in term deposits with the National Australia Bank. The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed in order to maximise investment performance and minimise risk.

The Government Guarantee on Investments up to $1 million dollars has now expired and the new cap of $250,000 has replaced the scheme.

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

Recommendation

1. **That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30 November 2018 be received and noted.**
2. **That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.**

File No:	F1.1
Report: 16/2019	★ Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances (Dec 2018)
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31st December 2018

Balances as per Bank Statement	$179,478.77
Plus: Deposit not shown	$0.00
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$2,937.64
Balance as per Cash Book	**$176,541.13**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31st December 2018

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$13,914,953.71	$200,000.00
Water	$4,090,751.80	
Sewer	$1,905,422.43	
Trust	$94,116.59	
Total Funds	**$20,005,244.53**	

Investments as at 31st December 2018

National Australia Bank	$1,039,116.76	2.52 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,627,345.71	2.60 %	309 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,020,606.08	2.62 %	334 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,341,990.90	2.63 %	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,070,256.16	2.75 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$696,285.17	2.71 %	272 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,100,595.74	2.67 %	270 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$672,163,98	2.65 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$769,258.30	2.72 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$646,298.16	2.72 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,782,352.50	2.75%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,037,917.81	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,162,609.63	2.71 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,900,266.33	2.75 %	271 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$437,195.09	2.75 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,524,445.08	Flex		
Total Investments	**$19,828,703.40**			

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2005 is certified that the above investments have been made under Sec 625 of the Local Government Act and Council's Investment Policy.

Reconciliation at 31st December 2018

Balance as per cash book	$176,541.13
Investments	$19,828,703.40
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	$20,005,244.53

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st December 2018

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	30th November 2018		31st December 2018
General Fund	$14,682,730.61	-$767,776.90	$13,914,953.71
Water Fund	$3,937,323.19	$153,428.61	$4,090,751.80
Sewer Fund	$1,867,073.53	$38,348.90	$1,905,422.43
Trust Fund	$94,079.59	$37.00	$94,116.59
Investments	-$19,479,692.69	-$349,010.71	-$19,828,703.40
Totals	**$1,101,514.23**	**-$924,973.10**	**$176,541.13**

Balance of all Funds as at 30th November 2018
$1,101,514.23

Add Receipts for	
(c) Rates	$152,574.88
(d) Other Cash	$1,519,805.94
Deduct payments for	
(c) Paid since last meeting	$2,248,343.21
(d) New Investment	$349,010.71
Balance as 31st December 2018	**$176,541.13**

Recommendation:
That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st December 2018 be noted.

File No:	**F1.1**
Report: 17/2019	★ **Investment Report as at 31st December 2018**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services**

Introduction
Under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report on Council's Investment portfolio on a monthly basis.

Background
The report is submitted monthly to Council.

Issues
- Investments are in accordance with Division of Local Government Guidelines and Council's Investment Policy
- Statutory obligations are being met
- Councillors roles as resource allocators and policy directors are satisfied

Assessment
5. Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines
Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The management of Council's investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

6. Financial Implications/Consideration
The 2018/19 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2.3%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 31st December 2018 is $19,828,703.40

Investment income earned as at 31st December 2018 is $217,654.29.

7. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure
Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 22nd August 2016.
Ministerial Investment Order – 12th January 2011

8. Strategic Implications – Implications For Long Term Plans/Targets
Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements

Investment Portfolio
Council's current Investment Portfolio as at the 31st December 2018 follows:-

National Australia Bank	$1,039,116.76	2.52 %	365 Days	A1+
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Total Investments	**$19,828,703.40**			

Term Deposits
Percentage of Total Portfolio 2.61%
Average Investment Yield 100%

Discussions/Comments
The Investment portfolio increased by $349,010.71 during the period.

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Recommendation:
That:
1. **That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31st December 2018 be received and noted.**
2. **That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.**

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

16. Delegates and Councillors Reports

Nil

17. Committee Minutes

Nil

18. Policies

Nil

19. Precis of Correspondence

File No: 18/2019	
Report:	**Request from Bourke Police and Community Outback Trek for assistance**
Author:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Request from Bourke Police and Community Outback Trek for Council to provide inkind support with the provision of a vehicle from the 16th to the 21st February 2019. Bourke Outback Trek to pay for fuel, tyre repairs / replacement or any damage done to vehicle, if any.

Recommendation:
That Council provide in-kind support to the Bourke Police and communities Outback Trek as requested.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
(DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP, "IN KIND" SUPPORT)

Name of applicant organisation:	Bourke Police & Community outback TREK
Postal Address:	449 Bourke NSW
Contact person:	Neil Sinclair
Position:	Section Vice President.
Phone number:	02/9435056.
Mobile number:	As Above
Fax number:	
Email address:	

Enquiries are to be made to Council's Manager Corporate Services on 0268308000.

Completed applications are to be returned to Council no later than 4pm Friday,

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

An electronic version of the form can be made available upon request, or applications can be posted or hand delivered to:-

Bourke Shire Council
Financial Assistance Program
P O Box 21 / 29 Mitchell Street
BOURKE NSW 2840
Phone: 02 68308000 Fax: 02 68723030
Email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-

A Group of Local People Raising Money For the R.F.D.S & Local Charities of Bourke

Also we Sponsor the Bourke Show - $400-00

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:-	Yes/No
If no, where is it located?	Some Organizers are from Cobar.
What is the number of current members of your group/organisation?	15

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

To carry out our Scout Trip for 2019. Trek.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-

Trellers will spend Money on Fuel. Food ETC. Good for Local Accountancy

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? (Yes) No
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: Vehicle Supplyed By Council For Scout TRIP
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? Yes (No)
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant
Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-
Property for which rates donation is sought:
Council's Rates Assessment Number:
Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	$	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No
If yes, please quote your ABN If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	98063195 993	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

To be completed for "in kind" support:-
(Please arrange appointment with appropriate Council staff to obtain a quote where necessary)

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total ©		
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		

ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of bank:	
Name of bank account:	
Bank BSB Number:	
Bank Account Number:	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- For first time applicants, a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and if that constitution changes, then an updated copy is to be forwarded with any subsequent application
- A copy of the most recent annual report (including financial statements of income and expenditure) – preferably audited
- Copy of notification of ABN Number and GST Registration (if applicable) from the Australian Taxation Officer
- Evidence of Incorporation
- A copy of the applicant's current public liability insurance policy (i.e. Certificate of Currency)
- Where the applicant is a registered public charity, a copy of the registration certificate is required

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the applicant group / organisation.

I have read the Financial Assistance Policy provided with this application form.

Signed: .....

Name: Neil Westcott

Position: Senior Vice President

Date: 9/1/19

IF POSSIBLE NEED TWIN CAB. FOR THE DATES.
16/17/18/19/20/21 FEBRUARY 2019.
FUELS, TYRES, DAMAGE - IF ANY PAID BY
OUTBACK TRACK.

Insurance

Gallagher
Insurance | Risk Management | Consulting

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co (Aus) Limited
ABN 34 005 543 920 AFSL 238312
Suite 3/36 Wingewarra Street
DUBBO NSW 2830
PO Box 986
DUBBO NSW 2830
T (02) 6884 9800
F (02) 6884 9811
W ajg.com.au

9 January 2019

Neil Driscoll,
Bourke Police and Community Outback Trek,
PO Box 449,
Bourke NSW 2840

CONFIRMATION OF COVER

We acknowledge your request seeking confirmation of insurance coverage on the asset/s detailed below. We are in a position to confirm that we have instructed the Insurer shown below to arrange cover on the subject asset/s.

INSURED	BOURKE POLICE & COMMUNITY OUTBACK TREK
OUR REFERENCE	13090268
CLASS	Public/Products Liability
PERIOD	23/09/18 to 23/09/19
COVERING	Public Liability - $10,000,000 any one occurrence. Products Liability-$10,000,000 in the aggregate during the Period of Insurance.
SUM INSURED	$10,000,000
SITUATION	World Wide excluding US or Canada, their territories or protectorates.
INTERESTED PARTIES	N/A

INSURER	**Name/Address**	**Policy No.**	**Proportion %**
	Offshore Market Placements Australia 80 Pacific Highway North Sydney, NSW 2060	TRP150017	100.0000
	Actual Insurers : Lloyds of London	100.0000 %	

NOTE This confirmation is issued as a matter of information only and does not confer any rights upon the confirmation holder. The confirmation does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policy/policies detailed herein. Cover will depend on payment of the premium by the due date.

Yours faithfully,

Kylie Hull

Kylie Hull
Area Director
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co (Aus) Limited

Financial Assistance to Community Policy

SECTION	1	Service Management
PART	8	Financial Accountability

10 JAN 2019

MAYOR		COUNCIL
GM		LIBRARY
MCS		NOTES
MTSO		BOBEC
MEV		TIP
MRS		IT
		DEPOT
OTHER	Precis	

POLICY NO:	1.8.12(v4)
POLICY TITLE:	Financial Assistance to Community
DATE ADOPTED:	27/06/2016
RESOLUTION NO:	287/2016
SUPERCEDES:	1.8.12(v4) Adopted: 26/09/2012 Resolution No: 512/2012
PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	27/06/2019

POLICY

Bourke Shire Council will provide a systematic and equitable process for allocating financial assistance and support to individuals and community based non profit organisations, where:-

- the community or non profit organisation has significant local membership
- the team has members residing in, working in, or has a definite connection to Bourke Shire
- The individual resides in, works in, or has a definite connection to Bourke Shire
- The project / event will deliver tangible benefits (e.g. financial or social) to the ratepayers of Bourke Shire

All decisions and recommendations regarding financial assistance by Council shall be made in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct, so they are free from any conflicts of interest including pecuniary and non pecuniary interest.

20% of Council's Financial Assistance Fund shall remain in reserve for special allocations which may be voted throughout the year, to make provision for emergencies or unforeseen developments following consideration by Council, whilst remaining within the financial allocations limit.

Where applicable, bonds must be paid regardless of any concessions or fee waivers that may be granted in association with the hire of Council operated facilities, and any associated equipment.

Council's work requirements will always take precedence, but provision for limited use of Council's plant / equipment and of Council Staff, as "in kind" support, may be considered subject to the following provisions:-

- that the equipment is operated by an accredited Council employee
- that the equipment is available and in the area

Funding for schools and the TAFE campus is limited to assistance with awards nights and associated prizes. Council will determine a level of support for all schools and the TAFE campus, and the level of support will be the same for each educational body.

All applications for donations by Council must be submitted on Council's standard form, and requests for donations by way of fee reduction or other "in kind" support are to be included on the financial assistance application form. Council will only consider the project specified in the

VERIFIED BY: VERIFIED BY:

application and negotiations on project proposals will not be entered into once an application has been received.

BACKGROUND

Bourke Shire Council receives a range of requests for financial assistance. As a result, Council needs to provide transparency and accountability in the granting of financial assistance to others, by ensuring an appropriate balance between prudent financial management and Council's ability to effectively meet meritorious requests for financial assistance.

Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 prescribes the requirements when Councils provide financial assistance to others (including charitable, community and sporting organisations and private individuals):-

(1) A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

(2) A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given.

(3) However, public notice is not required if:

(a) the financial assistance is part of a specific program, and

(b) the program's details have been included in the council's draft management plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and

(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and

(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant group of persons within the area.

(4) Public notice is also not required if the financial assistance is part of a program of graffiti removal work.

OBJECTIVES

1. to establish guidelines for determining donations to be made by Council
2. to establish an annual calendar for the processing of all financial assistance requests
3. to provide a process which allows Council to conduct a meaningful comparison of requests for financial assistance
4. to provide a process which allows Council to maintain a more equitable distribution of Council's financial assistance budget

DEFINITIONS

- **Financial Assistance** is the value of any assistance, including "in kind" assistance (involvement of Council staff and assets for which a cost has to be assigned for the involvement); the waiving of fees and charges which can be defined as the allocation of funds; the use of facilities or the provision of services to individuals, community groups or non profit organisations for the purpose of enhancing or improving the quality of life in Bourke Shire.
- **For the purpose of exercising its functions** – where Council will consider financial assistance to individuals, community groups and non profit organisations for various purposes and projects, which provide community benefit and are in accordance with Council's objectives, vision or management plans.

PROCEDURE

Applications will be called for by way of public advertisement in March and October each year and shall be considered on their merits, taking into account the circumstances of each case, the availability of funds in Council's budget and the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993. Closing date will be the end of April and November respectively, to allow time for consideration in conjunction with the preparation of Council's annual budget / Management Plan. Successful applications will be published in the Western Herald. Organisations / individuals who receive support in one year do not automatically receive ongoing funding in future years.

Funds allocated are to be used only for the purposes of the project as described in the application, and must not be used for any other purpose or transferred or assigned to any other party, without the prior approval of the General Manager in writing.

All financial assistance must clearly acknowledge the contribution of Bourke Shire Council, and documentary evidence must be supplied to Council, e.g. photos, copies of flyers, newsletters, receipts.

Failure to satisfactorily adhere to any of Council's criteria may disqualify recipients from further assistance from Council.

Council retains the right to amend, vary or revoke this policy at any time.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Criteria Overview

- Assistance will not be approved for community initiatives or events that generate financial profits for commercial companies and/or individuals (except in exceptional circumstances)
- Organisations / individuals must be based in Bourke Shire, or the funds are to be used on a service or activity for Bourke Shire.
- Financial assistance will generally not be given to Government Departments, agencies or religious groups. Funding for schools and the TAFE campus is limited to assistance with awards nights / prizes.
- The funds are not to be used for social activities for members of the organisation exclusively; and
- The allocation of funds for activities conducted outside Bourke Shire must clearly document the reasons for approving such funds highlighting the benefits to Bourke Shire
- Application for funding must be expended within the same financial year that the funds were granted
- Council will not approve donations retrospectively, or where projects have already been conducted and are now seeking funds to meet past shortfalls or costs
- Council will not consider applications for continuous funding. A new application must be submitted each year and Council does not guarantee renewed funding each year
- Council will not consider applications for major capital items or equipment, political or commercial activities
- Council will not consider applications for administration costs for existing services such as rent, salaries, telephone, electricity, insurance etc
- Council will not consider applications for legal and incorporation costs

Communication and Assistance
All communications in regards to applications are to be made to Council's Manager Corporate Services on 02 68308000. Individual letters of support from Councillors or Council staff will not be accepted.

Recurrent funding
Council does not provide automatic recurrent funding, and organisations or committees must submit a request for funding each year. It must be noted that funding in any one year will neither preclude nor guarantee funding in any other year.

Fund Raising
Council will not provide funding to individuals or functions raising funds on behalf of a community group / organisation. To be eligible for funding, applications must be received directly from the group or organisation.

Section 355 Committees
A Section 355 Committee is a Committee of Council and funding for such Committees is separately allocated through the budget process.

Recognition
Community groups or organisations who are the recipients of funding under the Financial Assistance Policy, must give due recognition in all advertising, promotional or merchandising material that is produced relating to the funded project.

Donations via Waiving of Council Fees and Charges
Council will consider applications to donate fees and charges for Council services associated with an event or activity for not for profit organisations established in Bourke Shire, providing a service to our communities, and is in the opinion of Council, a benefit to the community. However, Council will not waive these fees where the organisation is:

- providing a personalised service for fees
- is a profitable operation, or
- operates licensed premises

Applications for Donations Invited by Council
Each year Council will by public advertisement in the Western Herald and local radio stations, call for applications for Financial Assistance. All applicants must complete Council's form and meet the criteria set out in the policy.

Council will determine the level of financial assistance to be included in its budget for the relevant year. Requests for Assistance will be reviewed by staff and recommendations submitted to Council, along with a complete list of all requests received by Council. Requests approved by Council shall be included in Council's draft budget. Council will publicly advertise the list of successful applicants.

Donations sought from Council during the course of a financial year
A minimum of 20% of Council's total budget allocation for financial assistance shall be set aside each year for donations sought from Council during the year. Applications under this section must be advertised for a period of 28 days.

File No: 19/2019	
Report:	**Enngonia CWA Request – Naming park in Enngonia**
Author:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Enngonia CWA Branch have requested that the park in Enngonia be officially named the "Enngonia CWA Park".

Recommendation:
For Council's Consideration

Country Women's Association of N.S.W.
Enngonia
Incorporated in 1931 by an Act of NSW Parliament
Mrs Denise Turnbull
All Communications to be addressed to the "Secretary" .....Branch/Group
ABN 82 318 909 926
'Bellevue" Station
BOURKE NSW 2840

11 JAN 2019

3RD January 2019

The General Manager
Mr Ross Earl
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Ross

At a recent meeting of the Enngonia CWA Branch, the members requested that a letter be written to the Council expressing their wish that consideration be given to the members' choice of name for the local park.

Originally the Branch used the hall to hold their meetings, and all the play equipment in the playground at the time, was purchased by the CWA. The members would therefore appreciate the park being named the Enngonia CWA Park, in acknowledgement of the efforts made by the branch to maintain a happy, small community.

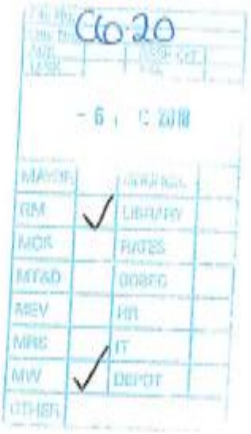
Yours faithfully
Denise Turnbull

Denise Turnbull
Branch Secretary

File No: 20/2019	
Report:	**Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Fund Details**
Author:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

On 1 November 2018, the Commonwealth's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements came into effect. Bourke Shire Council choose the "opt-in" option with an activation threshold for the 2018/19 financial year of $11,520. The letter outlines what is available to Council in the event an eligible disaster.

Recommendation:
Council to note the report as information.



NSW GOVERNMENT

Office of Emergency Management
GPO Box 5434, NSW 2001
www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

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3 December 2018

Mr Ross Earl
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Mr Ross Earl

On 1 November 2018, the Commonwealth's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and corresponding changes to the NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements came into effect.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been working with councils and relevant state agencies to support the implementation of the new arrangements, including extensive consultation and training for relevant council staff.

On 12 October 2018, all NSW councils were invited to opt-in to, or to opt-out of the interim NSW Day Labour Co-funding Arrangements relating to the restoration of Essential Public Assets damaged by an eligible natural disaster.

Our records indicate that Bourke Shire Council has decided to opt-in to the interim NSW Day Labour Co-Funding Arrangements. Your Council's activation threshold for the Financial Year 18/19 is $11,520.

In the event of an eligible disaster your Council may claim funding for the following additional items:

1. The use of normal-hours staff ('day labour') for Emergency Works, Immediate Reconstruction Works, and Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works.
2. The use of council's own plant and equipment for Emergency Works, Immediate Reconstruction Works, and Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works.
3. An extended period for Emergency Works on essential public assets (including clean-up) - for up to three (3) months from the time that the asset becomes accessible.

During 2019, the NSW Government will continue to consult with councils on the long term co-funding arrangements.

Should your local government area be impacted by an eligible disaster in the next 12 months, OEM will provide on-ground support to assist you to meet the new eligibility and evidence requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Lalit Singh via email Lalit.Singh@justice.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 9212 9335.

Related guidelines and further information can be downloaded from the support portal: https://drfa.support

Yours sincerely

Feargus O'Connor
Executive Director

File No: 21/2019	
Report:	**Local Government Remuneration Tribunal**
Author:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Council is invited to provide submissions to the 2019 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Review. Submissions close 30th January 2019. Additional information can be found at https://www.lgnsw.org.au/member-services/nsw-local-government-remuneration-tribunal

Recommendation:
Council to note the report as information.

NSW GOVERNMENT | Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Ref: A4127215

Clr Barry Hollman
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840

12 December 2018

Dear Mayor

I write to advise that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2019 annual determination.

Pursuant to s. 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act), the Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, by no later than 1 May 2019, on the fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2019.

Fees

The Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category. In accordance with section 242A of the LG Act the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination of ranges of fees for Councillors and Mayors.

Categorisation

Each of the 128 councils is allocated into one of the following nine categories:

Metropolitan
- Principal CBD
- Major CBD
- Metropolitan Large
- Metropolitan Medium
- Metropolitan Small

Non-metropolitan
- Regional City
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Rural
- Rural

The criteria for each of the categories are outlined on pages 19 to 22 of the 2018 determination.

The Tribunal is only required to review the categories every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each group and the allocation of councils in detail in 2020.

The Tribunal will however, as part of the 2019 review, consider any requests to review the categorisation of individual councils if there is a strong case to do so. Any requests for a review should be supported by evidence which would indicate that the council is more appropriately allocated in to another category based on the criteria.

Submissions

The Tribunal invites submissions from individual councils in respect of categorisation, fees and any general matters as part of this review. Any submission the Council may wish to make should be received by no later than 30 January 2019 and should be emailed to catherine.power@psc.nsw.gov.au.

Please note that any material provided to the Tribunal may be made available to any member of the public under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

As part of the annual review the Tribunal will seek to meet with Local Government NSW, as it does each year, to receive a sector wide view for local government in NSW.

If you require any further information please email sarah.bradshaw@psc.nsw.gov.au or telephone on 02 9272 6006.

Yours sincerely

Dr Robert Lang
Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

20. Activity Reports

Engineering Services Activity Report

File No: 22/2019	**E7.1**
Report:	**Road Works Completed**
Responsible Officer:	**Christopher Morrall, Roads Supervisor**

The following information outlines works completed from the 16th November 2018 to 14th January 2019 inclusive.

NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	**Work Carried Out**
MR 68 South Louth Road	Top Grading Completed
MR 405 Gumbalie Section	Sealing Works Completed
MR 405 Poison Point Section	Sealing Works Commenced
RLR 29 Emaroo Road	Top Grade Completed
RLR 14 Avondale Road	Top Grade Commenced

SOUTHWEST SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	**Work Carried Out**
MR 405 Gumbalie Section	Sealing Works Completed
MR 405 Poison Point Section	Sealing Works Commenced

TRANSPORT SECTOR - Jack Wielinga, Team Leader	
Location	**Work Carried Out**
MR 405 Gumbalie Section	Sealing Works Completed
MR 405 Poison Point Section	Sealing Works Commenced

BITUMEN SECTOR - John Bartley, Team Leader	
Location	**Work Carried Out**
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken

Staff Training	Nil

PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader	
Location	**Work Carried Out**
General	All parks & sporting grounds, regular mowing & maintenance carried out Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained Public toilets cleaned & maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities
Small Plant	Maintenance & service carried out on all ground plant
Works Requests	Actioned & ongoing
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out

Wharf	General maintenance carried out Business Connect program, the Business Bus (formerly known as the Small Biz Bus)
Renshaw Complex	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for Park Run
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out Skate Park- General maintenance carried out YRYP Boot-camp (3 days) Prepare grounds for Senior and Junior Cricket
Central Park	General maintenance carried out General graffiti removal Prepare grounds for SOS Family/Movie Night
Villages	Grounds mowed, facilities cleaned & maintained
Airport	Mowed Airstrip
Staff Training	Nil

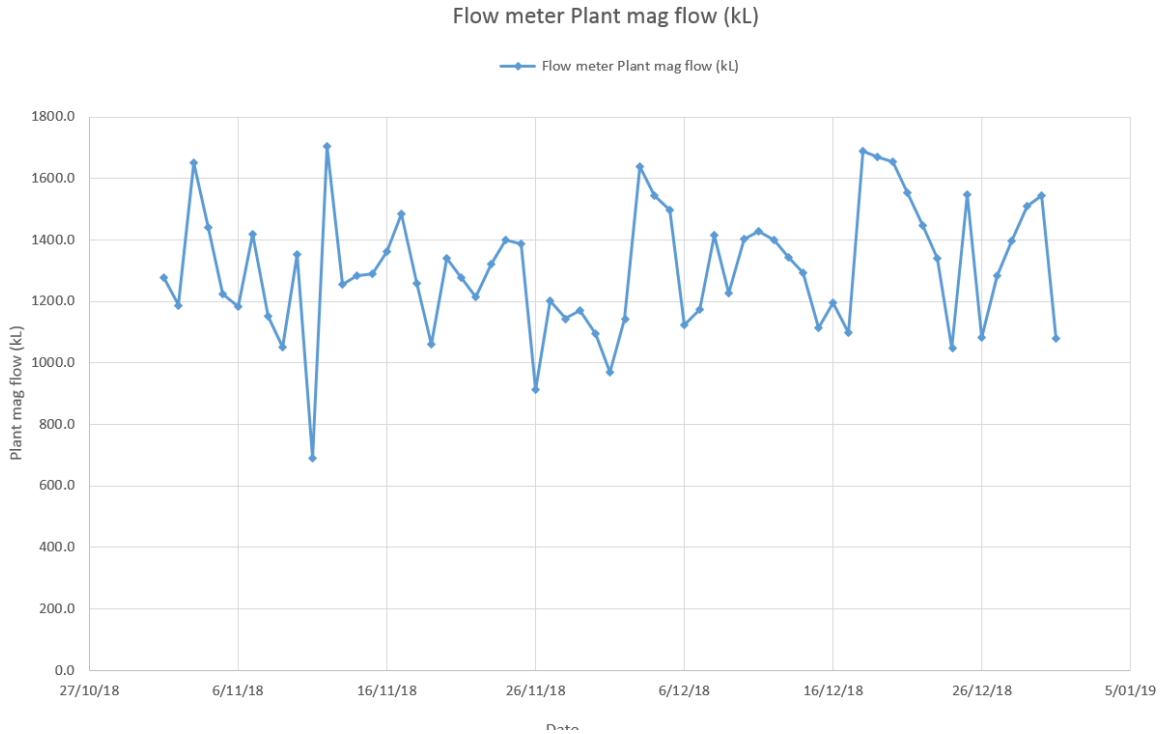
TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Daily
Cemetery	Prepared grave15/11,13/12,19/12 and 21/12 Place headstone back on 27/11
Rest Areas	Weekly Cleaning Monthly service
Staff Training	Nil
General	Daily Main Street jobs Town mowing ongoing Town poising ongoing Sand footpaths ongoing Cleaning if gutters and corners ongoing Poisoning Airport Put table together for depot Crane North Bourke play equipment Main Street blocks and pavers removed Pull down fencing at North Bourke play equipment Crane culvert on Culgoa Road Erect new tables and plant trees at North Bourke play equipment Backhoe MPC for Expo Staff relieving garbage truck Prune trees at boat ramp Airport mowing Fix ramp, Sydney Highway Mowed Tancred Drive Prune trees at Office Set up pipes at wharf for Christmas trees Erect Christmas flags Slashing town laneways Pick up frame from DJB Fabrications for Main Street Remove fallen trees from River Gum Lodge Remove dead trees branches from Rotary Park

	Remove dead trees from rest area Cobar Road Traffic Control for water break Pick up trees from Storm Remove dead tree branch from pool Mulch for North Bourke new play equipment Line marking Main Street new disable marking Erect new school warning signs in Oxley Street Pick up tree branch from Tudor, Hope and Mitchell Streets Poising Airport runway Cold mix footpaths new play equipment North Bourke Sand North Bourke play equipment where sunken	
Sundry Debtors	4950-2650-1387 Crane Meatworks	4950-2650-1388 Mulch
	4950-2650-1389 Crane	4950-2650-1390 Mud rock

WORKSHOP – Aaron Coyne, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	Carry out service, new air conditioner fitted. New exhaust mounts fitted, checked fuel belts, changes fuel filters, all new belts fitted
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo	Exhaust mounts ordered, air conditioner belt replaced
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	Replaced grease line and fitting
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar 12M	Changed oil, oil filter and air cleaners, short found in air conditioner wiring and was repaired
178	CO73PY	Isuzu	New lights fitted, replaced Anderson plug
6	YGM48H	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
21	CQ29KZ	Mazda CX 5	Service carried out
231	X22672	2011 Kohler	Service carried out
43	S74289	Sykes	Checked batteries, filled up with water
114	N37716	Freightliner	Put sealant on elbow
119	M73814	Fuel Trailer	Glued all fittings up
232	N 92511	Fuel Trailer	Removed fuse in earth line and test
237	N 77487	Holmwood Highgate	New hose made
60	AV25YJ	Freightliner Columbia	Tightened A/C line
9	CH42BI	Colorado 7	Take lights and phone kit out-vehicle to be traded
161	YGU33D	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
173	TGU33N	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
20	CJ68XA	Nissan X Trail	Service carried out
55	CQ28KZ	Mitsubishi Pajero	Service carried out
218	BR67WH	2012 Hino	Service carried out, replaced bulbs in work lights, replaced bolts to tightened flashing light, weld arms back up, repaired broken grease lines, repaired broken wire in loom
51	YII29U	Mazda BT 50	Fitted 2way
15	DJY11Z	Toyota Pardo	Service carried out, pull lights and phone kit out, vehicle to be traded

25	YII01D	Mazda BT 50	Car won't start-ordered new battery
304	YGM48G	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
33	YII01E	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out, checked gearbox and diff
8	YCJ72Y	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
138	28611D	Toro Mower	Service carried out
106	63722D	Toro Mower	Made new brackets for mount and bolted on, replaced blades
40	CP40FZ	Isuzu	Service carried out, replaced light bulb
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Hooked computer to vehicle and cleared ABS light
235		Cummings Generator	Service carried out
64		Gason	Checked gearbox and grease
65	BG97LI	John Deere	Changed PTO shaft, put arms for 3 point linkage on
49	CL84LV	Hino Tipper	Service carried out
57	CC20UJ	Hino	Service carried out, new brooms, leaks repaired, rebuild broom, put all new pads on, new hose clamps fitted, made new hose and replaced, new hydraulic hose, replaced leaking hose, filled hydraulic oil up
58	DYU31E	Toyota Kluger	Put phone kit in
105	BM9560	Box Trailer	Mount fuel pod in trailer
300	CR59EV	Mitsubishi Triton	Service carried out
37	AJ01DM	Isuzu	Light bar fitted
Staff Training		Nil	

WATER & WASTEWATER – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance-December / January	
1 Richard Street	Sewer Choke
4 Coomah Street	Sewer Choke
12 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
57 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired 20mm service
149 Meadows Road	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired 20mm service
57 Darling Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired 20mm service
99 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired 20mm service
18 Cullie Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
129 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Richard Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Darling Street North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
15 Wilson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
26 Darling Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
36 Wortumertie Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
94 Hope Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
4 Denman Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
3 Bloxham Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
19 Richard Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
Bogan Street North Bourke	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
35 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired 25mm service
15 Hope Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
3 Mitchell Street	Low raw water pressure blow out and clear
94 Hope Street	Low raw water pressure blow out and clear
North Bourke	Set up generator at filtered pump site
Wanaaring	Flush hydrants check tanks and pump
Byrock	Replace pump
Louth	River pump blocked up, put onto a pontoon in river
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Staff Training	Nil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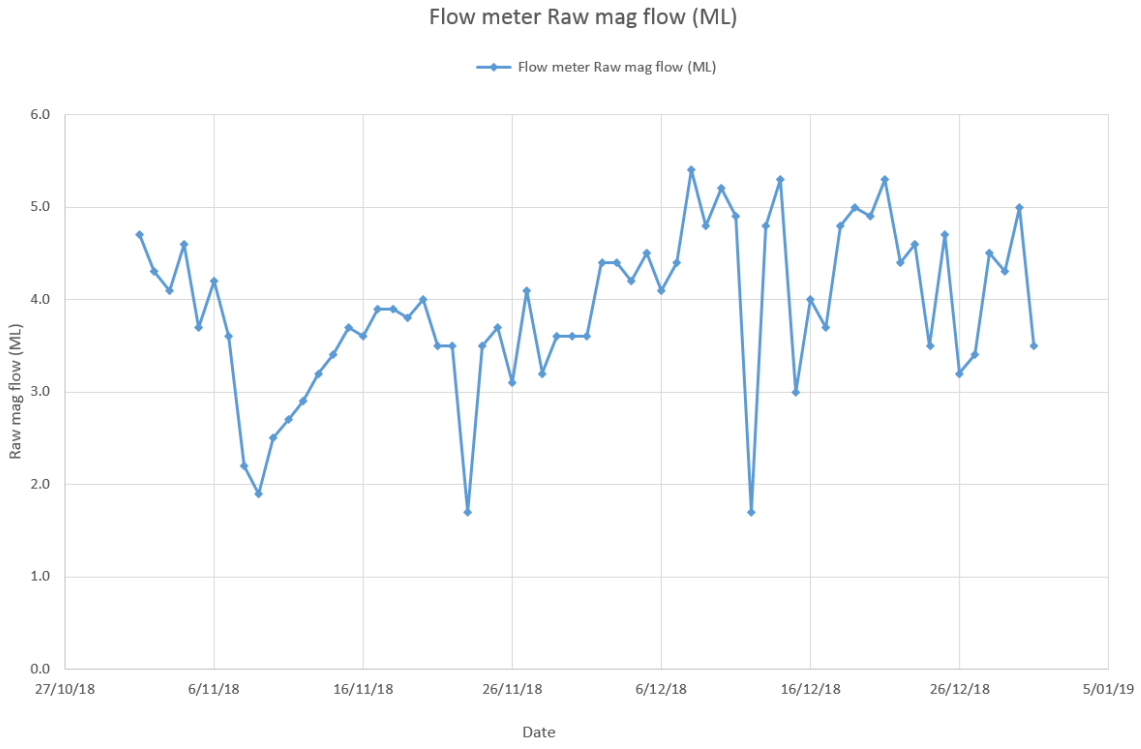
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Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	0.61	28.00			61
River level	River level (425003)	2.89	3.24	3.50	3.9		61
Raw Water	pH	8.10	8.33	8.70			61
Raw Water	turbidity	14.00	20.95	32.50			61
Raw Water	Conductivity	867.00	961.85	1,026.00			61
Filtered water	pH	7.40	7.71	8.40	6.5	8.5	61
Filtered water	Conductivity	899.00	982.15	1,077.00			61
Clarifier	Turbidity	0.30	0.61	1.00	0.0	4.0	61
Tower	Free Cl2	0.60	1.92	3.50	0.2	5.0	61
Clarifier	Free Cl2	1.80	3.17	4.80	0.2	5.0	61
Filtered water	Free Cl2	1.20	2.96	5.00	1.0	5.0	61
Filtered water	Turbidity	0.10	0.21	0.40	0.0	1.2	61
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	1.00	1.40	2.10	0.2	4.0	6
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.10	7.20	7.30	6.5	8.5	6
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.0	0.5	6
WTP	Free chlorine	2.30	2.30	2.30	0.2	4.0	2
WTP	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	2
WTP	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	2
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.0	0.5	2
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.2	4.0	2
Meadows Rd	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	2
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	2
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.2	4.0	0
Mitchell St	pH	-	#DIV/0!	-	6.5	8.5	0
Mitchell St	Turbidity	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.0	0.5	0
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	1.90	1.90	1.90	0.2	4.0	2
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	2
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.0	0.5	2
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.2	4.0	2
Kidman Camp	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	2
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.0	0.5	2

January 2018	222	38	8	50,217	42,614	2,760	176	- 5
February 2018	150	43	-	41,126	26,917	2,220	107	2
March 2018	159	47	-	42,735	17,033	3,085	113	4
April 2018	176	44	-	44,985	27,350	2,967	132	- 1
May 2018	125	39	-	41,359	17,650	2,548	86	- 2
June 2018	106	37	-	43,879	13,444	2,204	70	- 7
July 2018	92	35	-	37,185	12,448	2,163	57	- 2
August 2018	90	34	-	34,619	18,533	1,988	56	- 0
September 2018	95	34	-	35,126	24,701	2,226	61	- 1
October 2018	100	38	-	39,697	17,019	1,827	62	- 2
November 2018	104	39	-	37,798	27,339	1,967	66	1
December 2018	134	45	-	41,855	30,651	2,292	89	3

No	CCP	Monitoring Parameter	Location	Frequency	Target	Adjustment Level	Critical limit
CCP 1	Clarification	Turbidity	After clarifier	Daily grab sample	<1 NTU	4 NTU	>4 NTU
CCP 2 *	Filtration	Turbidity	After Filters	Daily grab sample	0.4 NTU	1 NTU	>1.2 NTU
CCP 3	Disinfection	Chlorine residual	Filtered Water	Daily grab sample	1.5-2 mg/L	<1.5 mg/L for more than 3 days	<0.5 mg/L or > 5 mg/L
CCP 4	Fluoridation	Fluoride concentration	After filters	Daily grab sample	1.0 mg/L	<0.95 mg/L	<0.9 mg/L for > 72 hours
						or	Or
						>1.0 mg/L	>1.5 mg/L
CCP 5	Reservoirs	Reservoir Integrity	Reservoirs	Weekly	Integrity maintained	Signs of integrity breach	Unable to rectify breaches

Sewerage Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	JAN 2018 Test	FEB 2018 Test	MAR 2018 Test	APR 2018 Test	JUN 2018 Test	JUL 2018 Test	Aug 2018 Test	Sept 2018 Test	Oct 2018 Test	Nov 2018 Test	Dec 2018 Test
Oil & Grease	***mg/L***	10	3	2	4	<2	10	3	<2	<2	3	3	3
pH		*6.5-8.5*	9.2	9.07	9.17	8.84	9.01	9.19	7.77	8.21	8.28	8.29	8.72
Nitrogen (total)	***mg/L***	*15*	15.4	17.1	25	11.2	6.6	9.5	9.7	6.9	4.7	5	3.5
Phosphorus (total)	***mg/L***	*10*	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.8	<0.05	2.4	3.7	3.9	3.6	2.4	1.3
Total suspended solids	***mg/L***	*20*	134	178	172	140	78	78	41	17	16	16	21
Biochemical oxygen demand	***mg/L***	*15*	18	28	32	20	23	32	29	5	12	11	9

Council notes the provisions of clause L2.5 (a) and (b) of its licence conditions of a chlorophyll exemption due algal growth, which also exempts the above exceedances.

- Rainfall in Bourke for December 2018 was 8.2 mm
- Hottest day for December 2018 was 47.3 degrees
- Coldest day for December 2018 was 13.2 degrees

Environmental Services Activity Report

File No:	**D3.2**
Report: 23/2019	**Developments Approved Report**
Author:	**Carolyn Crain, Development Assessment Officer**
Responsible Officer:	**Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services**

November

Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Nil			

Total value of Approved works for November 2018	= $0
No. of Development Application Approvals for November 2018	= 0
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for November 2018	= 0

December

Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2018/0021	Lots 6-8, Section 4, DP 3073 Bush Tucker Inn, Barringun NSW 2840	Installation of Diesel Fuel Storage System

Total value of Approved works for December 2018	= $ 97,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for December 2018	= 1
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for December 2018	= 0

File No:	**A11.1.1**
Report: 24/2019	**Building Services Report**
Author:	**Paul Faulkner, Environmental Co-ordinator**
Responsible Officer:	**Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services**

November

Location	**Work Carried Out**
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Nil
Office	Monthly check and test Emergency Generator
Cemetery	General maintenance – watering ,mowing and fill in holes trim and remove trees and poisoning
Contractors	Electrical works to buildings for Water & Waste Water Renshaw powerbox replacement
Buildings	Install A/C units Fit new door to Davidson Oval toilets Repair toilet door – Wharf Repair doors – Dog Pound Enclose power room - WTP
Yandaroo	Replace two toilet doors Install A/C unit
Grants	North Bourke Truck Stop – In progress
Plant	Remove old A/C units from roof

December

Location	**Work Carried Out**
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Nil
Office	Monthly check and test Emergency Generator
Cemetery	General maintenance – watering ,mowing and fill in holes trim and remove trees and poisoning
Contractors	Electrical works to buildings
Buildings	Erect platform for Christmas Tree Pain front and rear decks Council house Carry out general maintenance on Council buildings
Grants	North Bourke truck stop works completed
Plant	Fit steel mesh doors to pump shed at Wanaaring

File No:	**A8.1**
Report: 25/2019	**Animal Control/Environmental Issues Report**
Responsible Officer:	**Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services**

November

Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	**Dogs**	**Cats**
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	1	0
Seized	5	3
Surrendered	5	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	**11**	**3**
Euthanased	0	3
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	1	0
Re-housed	5	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	1	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	4	0
Total	**11**	**3**
Micro-chip Implantations	3	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	72	

December

Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	**Dogs**	**Cats**
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	4	0
Seized	8	11
Surrendered	3	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	**15**	**11**
Euthanased	1	11
Returned to Owner	2	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	9	0
Died in Pound	1	0
Stolen from Pound	2	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	0	0
Total	**15**	**11**
Micro-chip Implantations	6	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	230	

- Attended complaints in regards to dogs causing trouble to the general public
- Ongoing patrols of the township enforcing the Companion Animal Act
- Water sampling for the township, villages and Darling river
- Patrols of Councils Reserve's

File No:	**S10.2.1**
Report: 26/2019	**Swimming Pool Report**
Author:	**Mark Hollman, Pool Manager**
Responsible Officer:	**Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services**

Attendance for November

Season Ticket Holders		**Non- Season Ticket Holders**	
Adults	750	**Adults**	1167
Children (2+)	75	**Children (2+)**	92
Babies (<2)	0	**Babies (<2)**	0
Pensioners	0	**Pensioners**	0
School Groups/Others	916	**Total for Month**	**3000**

Attendance for December

Season Ticket Holders		**Non- Season Ticket Holders**	
Adults	1268	**Adults**	761
Children (2+)	0	**Children (2+)**	976
Babies (<2)	0	**Babies (<2)**	234
Pensioners	0	**Pensioners**	156
School Groups	820	**Total for Month**	**4215**

Recommendation:
That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 21st January 2019 be received and noted.

File No:	**G2.1**
Report: 27/2019	**From the GM's Desk**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

30th November 2018

Last Thursday, 22nd November 2018, Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy and Bourke High School jointly hosted the Bourke Community and Employment EXPO at the Bourke High School MPC Hall.

Great feedback was received from supporting agencies and students with all surrounding schools attending from Year 6 to Year 12.

Stall holders that supported this event were:-

Australian Defence Force	Beacon Project Via VC
Bourke Community Health	Bourke Shire Council
Catholic Care	Commonwealth Bank
Darling River Goats	Dept. Industry
DHS Centrelink	Live Better
Maranguka and Birrang	Mission Australia
National Parks	NDIA National Disability Linker
NDIS	PCYC
Police	REDIE Employment Agency
Roads and Maritime Service	Rural Fire Service
St Vincent's DePaul	TAFE

Bourke Shire Council Manager of Works, Peter Brown will join with representatives of Walgett, Brewarrina and Central Darling Shires together with Essential Energy on a teleconference on Friday, 30th November 2018, regarding the Barwon Darling River and town water supplies and the impact of the current drought conditions on those supplies.

Each of the Councils looks after the water supplies in their area, with Essential Energy being responsible for the water supplies to both Broken Hill City Council area and Menindee although Menindee is part of Central Darling Shire.

The diminishing supplies are of course a concern for all water supply utilities.

They will be joined by representatives of both the Department of Industry, Land and Water and Water NSW including the Far West - Algal Coordinating Committee.

Recently appointed Regional Engagement Officer for the Barwon Darling Region with the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Peter Thomas, who is based in Bourke, has advised that two (2) senior executives from the Murray Darling Basin Authority will visit Bourke this week. Russell James, Executive Director, Officer of Compliance and Monique White,

Assistant Director Partnerships, will be in Bourke on Thursday, 29th November 2018 and would like to take the opportunity to meet local business operators to discuss and listen to local concerns and issues relating to the Darling River and the Murray Darling Basin Plan (MDBP).

The meeting will provide a good opportunity to get an update of the MDBP which has had a significant impact across the broad basin area.

A meeting has been arranged for members of the Bourke Business Group on the evening of the 29th November with other items to be included on the agenda.

Councillors and senior staff are also welcome to attend if they are available.

The Meeting will commence at 5.30pm at the Council Chambers 29 Mitchell Street and other matters on the agenda will include:-

1. The Christmas Markets
2. Update on the Air Service
3. An update on the Main Street Redevelopment
4. Preliminary planning for the Easter activities for 2019

The Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils (FNWJO) will be holding their next meeting in Bourke on Wednesday, 12th December 2018 and it will include a facilitated Strategic Planning Workshop.

Also on the agenda is the review of the tourism projects to be funded out of the allocation of $5 million made available to each of the Far North West JOs on their formation and hopefully we will also be able to progress the tender documentation for the air services for Bourke, Walgett and Cobar.

This is funded out of a separate allocation of funding announced at the meeting hosted by the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP when he announced the establishment of the two (2) JOs in the Far West.

Council has maintenance graders on the Hungerford Road and they are working towards Bourke and will soon undertake work on the Janbeth Road which will finalise the work in the Northern Sector prior to giving their attention to the Southern Section of the Shire.

Council appreciates the understanding of residents of the difficulties being posed by the extended drought conditions on the road maintenance program with effective grading being difficult with the lack of subsoil moisture.

The recent rain has assisted slightly but with the hot and windy conditions that we have experienced in the early part of the month the moisture quickly disappeared.

In another good news story for Council, the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP last week announced that Bourke Shire has been successful in

securing an additional $2.5 million towards the work on Main Road 405 Bourke to Milparinka via Wanaaring Road under the Fixing Country Roads 2018. The funding was part of a $5 million application with the other $2.5 million which was to come from the Federal Government under another program; however, the application by Council for these funds was unsuccessful. Council will be looking at other opportunities to be able to secure the matching funding, which if successful, means an additional 20 kilometres of the Wanaaring Road could be sealed.

Council has also lodged additional applications for funding to further progress the project which to date is very much on time and within the initial budget.

If the funding is secured for the matching $2.5 million it will mean that over 60% of the road would be sealed, which up until 12 months ago was very much a dream with the level of funding received unprecedented.

Council and the community serviced by the road are extremely appreciative of the funding opportunities that have been made available.

Bourke Shire Council lodged an application with the New South Wales Office of Sport to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be placed throughout the Shire and have been successful in obtaining funding of $14,850 which when supplemented by Council funds will allow the purchase of eight (8) AEDS.

In the information supplied by the NSW Office of Sport, it indicates that in NSW up to 7,000 people will experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) this year.

About a quarter of these incidents will occur outside the home and publicly available defibrillation will assist in improving the prospects of survival. The information says that the first eight (8) minutes after a person has a cardiac arrest are the most critical and early access to CPR and defibrillation can increase the likelihood of survival by up to 75%.

An AED is a small portable device designed to deliver a controlled electric shock to a person experiencing cardiac arrest.

Part of the cost of the units includes training. It is hoped to be able to purchase the units once the funding is released.

The units are to be located as follows:-

- Byrock
- Enngonia
- Fords Bridge
- Louth
- Wanaaring
- Bourke Swimming Pool
- Bourke PCYC/Davidson Oval
- Bourke Shire (available for events)

The villages do not have 24 hour medical services and are between 50km's to 200km's from an Ambulance service. The installation of defibrillators in these rural and remote communities will provide access to immediate defibrillation.

The PCYC and the Bourke Swimming Pool were identified, as these locations are the most regularly patronised sporting venues and presenting the highest risk.

Bourke Shire would retain a defibrillator for community events i.e. local race meetings, sporting carnivals, where organisations could pick the defibrillator up from Council and have it available at their event.

Community Connections Solutions Australia (CCSA) and the NSW Department of Education are collaborating to establish a preschool program at Louth under the new Start Strong Community Safety Net policy.

Earlier this year, Minister Sarah Mitchell identified several very remote communities in NSW that currently have no access to an Early Childhood Education Program. To address this, the Early Childhood Education Directorate (ECED) established the Start Strong Community Safety Net program.

Previously there was no mechanism to support the development of new Early Childhood Education Programs in very remote regions of NSW.

Louth has been identified as an eligible community for this program. CCSA is the lead organisation responsible for co-ordinating and implementing the program and will engage with networks, services and local stakeholders to complete the project. The first community meeting was held in Louth on Wednesday, 21st November 2018 to start the process of engagement. CCSA will continue to up-date the Council and community on progress. Further details or enquiries can be directed to **office@ccsa.org.au** or 1800 991 602.

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Ratepayers are reminded that the next rates instalment are due Friday, 30th November 2018 with the second water charges for 2018 also being due on the same day.

The actual new Boat Ramp Structure at North Bourke is completed, although there is some ancillary works in and around the boat ramp that need to be completed from as safety as aesthetic point of view. Once these are completed, all we will need then is a

significant flow in the river so that it can be utilised. The increased popularity of boating activities on the Darling River made the construction of a new boat ramp a high priority. Council was successful in obtaining funding from the "Better Boating Now Program" funded by the Roads and Maritime Services to undertake the work.

Work is also *almos*t completed at the new park and toilet facilities adjacent to the North Bourke Truck Stop with these facilities being welcomed by both the residents of North Bourke and the travelling public.

The new TAFE building is gradually taking shape with a completion date of February 2019 being the latest timeframe that I have heard.

Next week sees the community meetings moving to both Louth and Wanaaring with the meetings scheduled as follows:-

LOUTH

WEDNESDAY - 5th December 2018 - TIME: 9.00 am -11.00am - VENUE: LOUTH TENNIS SHED

WANAARING

WEDNESDAY - 5th December 2018 - TIME: 1.30 pm-3.30pm - VENUE: WANAARING HALL

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Council's Auditor, Gary Mottau, who undertakes the role of behalf of the Auditor General of New South Wales, joined Council via Skype at Monday's Council meeting to deliver his report in respect of the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Reports.

Gary was accompanied for the presentation by David Nolan who is the delegate of the Auditor General who is responsible for the sign off of the Audit.

The report highlights Councils continued strong financial position and compliance with all our reporting obligations.

The opportunity was made available to Councillors to ask questions of the Auditor.

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As of Friday 23rd November 2018 its summary report provides as follows:-

There are currently no Red Alerts for Far-West area.

- **The Darling River at Bourke Boat Ramp is on Amber Alert**.

The Amber Alerts in place further down the River at Trevallyn, Wilcannia and Caulpaulin have been lifted.

The Barwon River at Brewarrina is on Green Alert.

Areas of low flows, standing water holes and weir pools may become an ideal environment for algae production. Stock owners and managers should be vigilant and be on the lookout for signs of algae scums.

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The Council Office, Service New South Wales and Library will all be closed from 4.30pm, Friday, 21st December 2018 to Wednesday, 2nd January 2019.

Details of other sections of Councils operation are detailed in the advertisement and are also on Council's website **www.bourke.nsw.gov.au and Facebook page**

Quote of the Week!

A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

6th December 2018

There were a number of issues discussed at last Thursday's meeting of the Bourke Business Group and amongst them was the progress on the work in the CBD and there was generally a very positive response in this regard.

The issue of parking was raised and the suggestion made that Bourke Shire Council once again consider the introduction of two (2) hour parking in the CBD. The suggestion met with almost unanimous support and no doubt it will be an item for discussion at a future Council Meeting.

Council has previously rejected the call for two (2) hour parking for a number of reasons, including the cost of enforcing the restrictions.

A preferred option would be the self-regulation by residents and business owners to encourage staff to park outside the CBD, thus freeing the spaces up for customers. There are a number of businesses who are already doing alterations to their premises to provide additional parking.

No doubt there will be further discussions held on what could prove to be a controversial issue, however, one that needs to be addressed and a decision made.

Also at the meeting of the Bourke Business Group held last week, the agenda included a presentation from Senior Executives from the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), Russell James, Executive Director Office of Compliance and Monique White, Assistant Director Partnerships. They were in Bourke to meet local business operators to discuss and listen to local concerns and issues relating to the Darling River and the Murray Darling Basin. They were accompanied to the meeting by Peter Thomas, the local MDBA Engagement Officer for the Barwon Darling. Peter Thomas is based in Bourke, however, the area for which Peter is responsible for engaging with communities covers a very large area.

The MDBP has been in existence for some time and whilst some parts of the Plan have been put in place, there are others which are still to be finalised. The Plan has an impact for all those within the footprint of the Murray Darling Basin which spans to include sections of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia and given the MDBA is a federally administered and funded organisation.

A considerable amount of consultation needs to take place and compromises reached on a number of issues which has no doubt contributed to the time taken to both finalise and then implement the Plan.

Russell will be back in Bourke to represent the CEO of the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Philip Glyde at the Annual Conference of the Western Division Councils to be held in February 2019.

The Success of the Justice Re-Investment Project which is being coordinated in Bourke by Maranguka was the subject of story on the Channel Ten News Program “The Project” last week. “The Project” painted a very positive picture of the initiative and its impact on the town. For those who missed the show and would like to have a look it is still available on line
https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/the-project/extra/season-10/how-the-town-of-bourke-turned-itself-around

A group of farmers and truck operators in Western Australia are organising a hay run to arrive in Bourke on Australia Day 2019.

Approximately 50 trucks carrying hay will be making the trip from WA to Bourke.

The organisers have teamed up with Lions Club "Need for Feed" to coordinate the distribution of the hay.

Farmers in the Bourke area who would like to receive some hay (maximum 10 bales) are required to register on the "Need for Feed" website **www.needforfeed.org**

They should click on "apply for assistance", select "fodder" and complete the requested information.

For further information please contact the Rural Financial Counsellor in Bourke on 1800 940 404.

Congratulations to John Gaff, who on Saturday, 8th December 2018 will be ordained as an Anglican priest in a ceremony to be held at Dubbo. The Ordination will be conducted by Bishop Ian Palmer the Bishop for the Bathurst Diocese.

John has been a lay Minister for some time and became a Deacon twelve months ago and now has elected to take the step of being ordained and continue his work with the Anglican Church.

Return and Earn is a year old and has collected nearly a billion drink containers, leading to a record reduction in litter volume across NSW and a massive environmental gain.

NSW Environment Minister, the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, MP said Return and Earn has been an outstanding success saying that figures speak for themselves:-

- Eligible drink containers collected and recycled: up by 69 per cent
- Eligible drink container litter volume: down 44 per cent
- NSW total litter volume: down 48 per cent since 2013
- Drink containers being processed each week: 26 million
- Most drink containers processed in a day: 5.6 million on Sunday, November 11

Minister Upton said that more than half the drink containers in the marketplace (54 per cent) are now being recovered, compared with the 32 per cent that was being collected in yellow bins before Return and Earn kicked in.
Return and Earn is undertaken locally by the Bourke Laundry at the corner of Richard and Oxley Streets. It is a great initiative and one that should be supported by the whole community.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for the Easter Celebrations for 2019 with the range of activities being planned along a similar format to that in previous years. One new feature being considered is the introduction of a feature called a “Day in the Dirt” which will involve a music festival to be held adjacent to the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre and will feature a number of accomplished performers.

The idea of the “Day in the Dirt” is to ensure that the weekend provides something for everyone and has continuous entertainment and activities.

Also in the planning stages, is the holding of a wide-ranging church service for the Saturday night remembering of course, the true meaning of Easter.

The Christmas Markets are taking shape with a number of stall holders already booking their space and local business’s agreeing to stay open. Later in the evening the Annual Bourke Carols by Candlelight will be held with a great spirit of Community Cooperation being displayed in the coordination of the evening.

New Tourism and Events Manager, Fran Carter is encouraging everyone to consider the installation of lights at their residence and is keen to “Light up Bourke”. It is planned to have lights placed around the Wharf area whilst for the first time for a few years there will be a Christmas tree at the wharf.

Christmas in Australia is a very busy time with end of school functions and annual holidays for many people coupled with Christmas celebration which of course is very important for those with a strong Christian faith but is also a time for families and friends to get together.

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The Annual Bourke Rotary Senior Citizens lunch was held last Saturday at the Bourke Full Gospel Church. The number of attendees was down slightly on previous years; however, those in attendance enjoyed a nice meal, good fellowship and were entertained by the Bourke Choir who once again were more than happy to contribute to the day.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this annual event a success.

In news that will no doubt please those wishing to utilise the floodlights at Davidson Oval and Coolican Oval for Night games or training the lighting charges for the facilities have been proposed to be reduced.

This is due to the anticipated reduction in energy usage and maintenance as a result of the new lights being installed utilising the funding provide under the Stronger Country Communities Program.

Council has resolved to advertise the proposed new charges prior their presentation for formal adoption at the January Meeting

- The fees for the use of the Floodlights at Davidson Oval will be set at $25.00 per hour
- The fees for the use of the Floodlights at Coolican Oval will be set at $12.50 per hour
- For commercial users of Coolican Oval the charge for electricity (in additional to the floodlights) will be based on actual consumption plus a meter reading fee of $25.00

The fees for Davidson Oval reflect a significant increase in the current charges which were put in place some time ago when the lights were much less energy efficient.

The charges are currently being advertised and will be adopted by Council at the January meeting following the consideration of any submissions received.

Council has adopted a revised Street Tree Policy which covers a wide range of issues including the types of trees to be planted, the responsibility for maintenance and removal of street trees. The issue of the removal of trees has been the subject of some debate over recent months and it is hoped that the revise policy will provide some clarity.

For anyone wishing to review the policy it is on Council's Website
www.bourke.nsw.gov.au

The Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils (JO) will be holding their next Meeting in Bourke on the 12th December 2018 and it will include a Facilitated Strategic Planning Workshop.

In addition it is expected that Councils will receive an update in relation to the tender process being developed to secure an air service for Bourke, Walgett/Lightning Ridge and Cobar.

Councils will also have the opportunity to present to the Board details of the projects for consideration for funding from the $5 million being allocated to both the Northern and Southern JOs for the promotion of Tourism and Cultural activities.

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New South Wales State of Origin Representative and Melbourne Storm player Josh Addo-Carr has agreed to be the Australia Day Ambassador for Bourke for 2019.

No doubt his visit will create a lot of interest with Rugby League fans and in particular those who follow the Melbourne Storm.

Communities across the state are very appreciative of the fact that so many high profile members of the community give freely of their time to undertake the role of Australia Day Ambassadors and their attendance at Australia Awards and Presentations is always very well received.

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Quote of the Week

"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success" *- Unknown*

13th December 2018

On the evening of Friday 14th December Bourke Shire Council in association with other organisations are hosting Christmas Markets in the wharf area starting at 6pm and concluding around 9.00 pm
There will be something for everyone so come along and enjoy the festive spirit of Bourke. Stall holders who wish to be part of this fantastic promotion are invited to contact Jodie Sontag at the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre for further details. Stall holders should register PRIOR to the evening.

Included on the night will be the official switching on of the Christmas Tree lights by Mayor Barry Hollman as part of the "Light up Bourke Campaign" being promoted by Council.
The evening will conclude with the Carols by Candlelight which is always a popular event.

The last of the village community consultation meetings took place last Wednesday with a meeting held at Louth in the morning and Wanaaring that afternoon.
Both meetings were well attended with some very constructive comments and suggestions being brought forward.

I feel that whilst everyone within the Shire would like to see additional funding provided for road works and other services and facilities there is a general acceptance that the large area covered by the Shire makes this difficult.

It was pleasing to be able to visit the villages and listen to the residents suggest projects for each of the villages that could be funded from both the Strong Country Communities Fund (SCCF) and the Drought Communities Fund. Funding has been approved for village based projects from the SCCF and funding for projects submitted under the Drought Communities Fund also including funding to undertake works in the villages.

The last of the Community Meetings will be held in Bourke early in the New Year and as far as budgetary provisions allow the projects and services suggested will be included in discussions when formulating the 2019/2020 Operational Plan (Budget).

I am pleased to advise that all the projects submitted by Council under the Federal Governments Drought Communities Extension program have been successful and Council

staff are working on getting the planning for each of the projects finalised as quickly as possible so that the benefits of the funding can start to flow into the community. These include:

- Bourke and District Community Stimulus of $200,000;
- Toilets at Bourke Cemetery of $25,000;
- Back O' Bourke Regional Function and Conference Centre projects of $150,000;
- Wharf Employment Project of $60,000;
- Central Park – Be Active, Social and Safe of $259,000;
- Bourke CBD beautification of public spaces employment program of $180,000; and
- Drought Events – Social and Economic Stimulation of $60,000.

In good news for the Louth community the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has announced that through the generous support of a philanthropic donor they have received funding for the construction of medical facilities in the towns of Tilpa, Louth and Innamincka to service those towns and the surrounding district.
Concept plans for the Louth facility have been developed for Louth to enable community consultation.

The proposed medical facility is likely to include start of the art technology.
Initial discussions indicate that the new facility will be built adjacent to the Tennis Courts and also involve the relocation of the existing RFDS building to the Tennis Court area.
A decision of the future use of the existing hall will need to be made, but it would appear that it has reached the end of its economic life and funding should be sought to replace it as soon as practical rather than undertake the major repairs as this will be an ongoing financial drain.
A masterplan which has also being developed involves the relocation of the Bourke Shire Worker's Camp facility from behind the tennis courts to the site of the hall and it is proposed that permanent facilities would be installed.

It is hoped that the planning stages will be well advanced early in the New Year as the RFDS are keen to start construction once all approvals are in place.

Council will work closely with the Louth Chamber of Commerce in the planning stages of the project and will also be looking at opportunities to be able to source funding for the construction of a new hall at Louth.

Halls and sporting facilities are essential for the creation of social amenity for many rural and remote towns and if we are to try and attract people to live and work in these areas.

The first planning meeting to discuss the 2019 Easter Celebrations in Bourke was held last Wednesday evening with a good response from the community considering the relatively short notice and number of other activities happening in and around Bourke.

There was a general consensus the 2019 events will basically mirror those of the past few years and try and build upon the successful format. One addition will be the "Day on the Dirt" music festival planned to be held on the Friday and work has commenced on securing artists to perform.

Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries made a trip to Bourke on Tuesday to announce funding to be provided to MUDA Aboriginal Cooperation (MUDA) for the establishment of an Art Studio and Retail outlet which will be located in Oxley Street.

There has been a considerable amount of work gone into this project which will significant benefits for the local artists and will also provide an addition tourist attraction.
A similar facility operated successfully earlier in the year and the new funding provided will enable a similar operation to commence with improved facilities.

I attended my first meeting as a Board Member of Regional Development Australia – Orana (RDAO) which was held at Gorree Park Wines in Mudgee on Monday.

It was interesting and I have a bit of a steep learning curve to ensure that I am aware of the various projects and initiatives that are taking place or being planned involving RDAO, however, look forward to trying in assisting in attracting new development and expanding existing businesses with the large area covered by RDAO.

Bourke Shire Council have been advised by the Auditor General that Hills Rogers Assurance Partners (Hills Rogers) have been appointed to carry out the annual audit of Bourke for a period of four years with an option to extend for a further two years. This appointment commences for the financial year ending 30th June 2019 which of course is the current year. The Auditor General is still ultimately Council's Auditor.

Hills Rogers are currently Council's auditor.
As part of the tender process Council was grouped with a number of other Councils and these include Walgett Shire Council, Castlereagh Macquarie County Council, Bogan Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council, Brewarrina Shire Council, Warren Shire Council, Coonamble Shire Council, Balranald Shire Council, Wentworth Shire Council, Central Darling Shire Council and Broken Hill City Council.

Nearly all of these Councils will be attending the Annual Conference of Western Division to be held in Bourke and I have indicated that the opportunity may exist to be able to get together during the Conference to discuss the Auditor General's approach to the audit process.

The Mayor and I have represented Council at some of the Annual Presentation Nights at the local schools over the past week and it has been good to be able to witness the acknowledgement of a number of the students for their academic achievements as well as sporting achievements. A number of students were recognised for their service to the school and the community and it is tremendous to see our younger members of the community actively contributing to the town in such a positive way.

At the Annual Presentation Function at Koinonia Christian Academy the Board Chairman Alan Amos highlighted to parents and students, some of the major issues impacting on the school and the community over the past twelve months. One of those issues was the extended drought conditions.

Alan had a long career in the area of water management and has an extensive knowledge of the river and drew upon that knowledge to provide some interesting facts. He indicated that during his forty years in Bourke he had seen numerous changes in the flows to the river due to the impact of drought and indicated that the lowest he has seen the weir at Bourke was at 2.81 metres which was in 1995. He said that the current level of the river is at 3.20 metres and with the current levels of usage and evaporation he would anticipate the weir to drop to 2.81 around mid- January 2019 if there are no significant inflows. Once the water level drops to below 3.00 metres we will see the introduction of Level 3 water restrictions and based on the information supplied by Alan this is likely to occur between Christmas and the New Year period.

The lack of water flow in the river is a real concern socially, economically and environmentally and we can only hope that we see some significant falls in the catchment in the very near future.

Council has once again received funding to assist in the coordination of a "Holiday Program" in January to provide activities for the children within the town for the annual school holidays. Council will be working with the local PCYC and other agencies and will be looking to replicate the success of previous programmes.

Members of the Youth Engagement Project (YEP) a Melbourne based organisation will hopefully once again be involved with the organisation supplying volunteers to assist local agencies deliver the programmes. The volunteers are high school students and they come up in groups of four (4) for a period of two weeks. The YEP have been coming here for a few years now and their assistance is very much appreciated and the fact that these volunteers are prepared to give up their holidays is commendable.

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Should the river level drop to less than 3.0metres level 3 restrictions will come into force which will mean water can only be done by hand for two (2) hours per day and a number of other tighter restrictions will also come into force.

These will be notified as required.

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Quote of the Week

"Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace". Christie Brinkley

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20th December 2018

The Christmas Markets and Carols by Candlelight was very popular and well received by all residents with stall holders kept busy with food stalls particularly popular. It was good to see such a strong presence of stall holders, some of who had come a long way to attend Certainly the cooler weather was welcomed by all those who took the opportunity to attend although many had wished that they had brought along warmer clothes as the evening progressed.

Well done to the organising team lead by Manager of Tourism and Events Fran Carter and Tourism Support officer Jodie Sontag.

Thank you to the combined Churches of Bourke who once again came together for the staging of the Carols by Candlelight and at the same time highlighting the real meaning of Christmas.

Work continues on the Wanaaring Road with a further 2.3kms being sealed this week making a total of 18kms that have been sealed under the current reconstruction program being funded under the Fixing Country Roads Program. This represents approximately half of the works to be undertaken with Council optimistic that further funding may become available to continue with these works.

The work to date has attracted considerable favourable comment from road users and it is a credit to our Engineering Staff and Construction Crew and further enhances their reputation of being able to produce quality work “on time and on budget”.

The rural road maintenance program has seen both the Avondale Road and Emaroo Road receiving a maintenance grade over the past week.

The road from Louth to Tilpa on the East side is currently being graded.

As part of the works in the CBD there has been a change to the number of designated disabled parking spots in Oxley Street with a total of four (4) designated disabled parking spots now available. These have been strategically located in the vicinity of the Chemist, Post Office and the two (2) banks. Signage has already been placed on the road surface with the signs on the footpath to be erected shortly. Please be conscious of these new parking arrangements.

As the re-development of the CBD takes shape there have been more and more positive comments which is certainly heartening for those who have put so much work into the planning phases and those working on the project and making it happen .

As a Council we have numerous visitors to town and the feedback from them in relation to the revitalisation of the main street has also been positive.

There have been some queries as to why the flower beds are yet to be planted and the simple answer is the lack of water and the ongoing water restrictions coupled. Another factor is the increasing salt content of the water that is available and the difficulties this will pose in trying to establish flower beds.
As soon as there is a good flow in the river the plantings will take place adding to the overall appearance of streetscape and at the same time adding a lot of vibrancy and colour to the area.

The Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman and I attended the Annual Presentation Day of the Bourke Walgett School of Distance Education (BWSODE) last Friday and it was good to see many of the parents make the trip in to Bourke to be able to share and celebrate their

children's achievements. The children come from a very wide area and only get together with their classmates a few times a year but there was an obvious strong bond between them.
When you live so far from a school that daily travel is not possible distance education is the only option, however, it has proved to be a very successful medium over the years with a number of former students achieving academic excellence.

It is no doubt a challenge for the P and C of BWSODE to organise fund raising events given the tyranny between families but they do so very successfully and funds raised go towards providing assistance with excursions and other activities which are important in the provision of a well-rounded education.

Advertisements calling for tenders from operators interested in providing air services to Bourke, Cobar and Walgett/Lightning Ridge have been placed in the Sydney Morning Herald and the Dubbo Daily Liberal and are also on the websites of Bourke, Cobar and Walgett Shires.
Tenders will close on 12th February 2019 and the tenders will then be assessed by an evaluation panel and hopefully we could see an air service to each of the towns in March or April 2019

Bourke Shire Council was pleased to be selected as the pilot Council and enjoyed partnering with the Department of Planning - Western, throughout the consultation phase involved in the preparation of the Draft publication "Bourke Building Future Communities". The preparation of the document was one of the actions to come out of the Far West Regional Plan.

Whilst Bourke is the pilot Council the process of developing the document will be replicated across n all other seven (7) Councils in the Far West Planning Region.

A pleasing aspect of the process was the fact that most of the community members who started the journey were still on board and were keen to maximise the benefits and outcomes that should flow from the extensive process.

The support of the community has been instrumental in its success and the availability the Department of Planning staff to keep both the Community representatives, Council representatives and staff engaged in the process has been instrumental in its success.
As a result of the success of the project the Staff at Western Planning have just won a highly commended and overall runner up for the collaboration award at the Annual Department Secretary's awards announced last week. There were 48 nominations, from across the State, in the category, with the Metro Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels taking out the major prize. The Bourke Project was the only project outside the metro area to be recognised at the awards which is a tremendous effort.

As I write this column on (Sunday 16th December 2018) the current river height at Bourke Weir is only 3.09 metres at the Bourke weir and seems to be dropping a little over a centimetre per day so it is very likely that level three (3) water restrictions will have to be

put in place shortly, this may even be before Christmas. With temperatures forecast to be in the forties this week the level of evaporation will no doubt increase and the same forecast paints a bleak picture in relation to potential rainfall in the short term.

With level three (3) water restrictions the use of fixed sprinklers and hoses is banned and hand held hoses can be used for two (2) hours per day. The filling of swimming pools is prohibited and the washing of paths etc. is also prohibited.

This week's editions contains full details of the impact of the new restrictions

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Residents once again are reminded that the garbage collection time is between 3.00am – 11.00am each collection day. **IT IS IMPORTANT** that garbage bins are placed out prior to 3.00am to ensure they are collected.

To date Council has adopted a flexible approach and has returned to pick up bins which have been put out late, however, this is both time consuming and an additional cost. The **COOPERATION of** everyone is sought in ensuring bins are placed out in time for collection which means by 3.00am.

Bins placed out later may not be collected until the following week and may have to be taken by the property owners to the Waste Management Facility.

As mentioned last week I attended my first meeting as a Board Member of Regional Development Australia- Orana last week in Mudgee. The next meeting of the Board will be held in Bourke on the 15th April 2019 and I look forward to being able to showcase the town to my fellow board members.

In the listing of projects to be funded under the drought communities program the project involving the undertaking of Rural Addressing within the shire was inadvertently omitted but will be proceeding. The project involved the numbering of all rural properties and the erection of appropriate signage.

The project will allow much easier directions to be available for emergency services etc. many of who rely on these directions be provided by a central call centre.

A reminder to all residents that Council does not meet in December with the next scheduled meeting to be held on 21st January 2018 which has been brought forward due to the 4th Monday being the Australia Day Holiday. The meeting for February has also been brought forward to the 18th February 2019 as the 4th Monday will be the first day of the Western Division Conference to be held in Bourke.

Nominations are called for the 2019 Australia Day Awards and will be received up until midday on the 14th January 2019. The form for nominations is slightly different from

previous years and persons nominating people for an award should ensure that they include all relevant details to assist the judging panel in their deliberations.

Don't say someone should nominate them "be that someone" and take the time to nominate a person who you think would be a worthy recipient.

Nomination forms are available from Bourke Shire Council, Bourke Library or on the Council website **www.bourke.nsw.gov.au**

Far West - Algal Coordinating Committee (FW-RACC) Blue-green Algae have released their latest report and advise as follows

There is a Red Alert in place for the Barwon River at Brewarrina.

A media release has been issued. Stock and domestic users in this area should apply caution and seek alternate water supplies.

Darling River at Bourke Boat Ramp is on Amber Alert.

Barwon River at Louth is on Green Alert.

Areas of low flows, standing water holes and weir pools may become an ideal environment for algae production. Stock owners and managers should be vigilant and be on the lookout for signs of algae scums.

Due to the expanse of the Darling River, there are many areas for which we do not have BGA results. Therefore, **water users should treat the Barwon - Darling River with caution**, especially when conditions for algal growth are favourable such as low river flows combined with persistent hot and sunny weather conditions. Use the closest sites that have results as a guide to your location of interest.

These alert levels apply to **non-human consumptive or recreational contact and stock alert warnings**. Drinking water safety thresholds are much more stringent.

Arrangements for the operation of Council over the Christmas period have been advertised in an earlier edition of the Western Herald.

Details of changes in the operation of Council's services and facilities over the Christmas period are also detailed on Council's website **www.bourke.nsw.gov.au .**

Emergencies as always should be reported to the Council Duty Officer on 0419722055

On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and staff of Bourke Shire Council I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted in so many ways to make Bourke a better place and have contributed their time and effort in this regard. All small towns rely on the efforts of volunteers in so many ways with organisations including service clubs, sporting groups and various social and interest groups playing an important part in enhancing the facilities within the town.

The ends of the school year often signals the end of the tenure of many people in country towns including Bourke as people in professions such as teaching accept transfers or move for family or other reasons. Unfortunately a number people who have made a significant contribution to Bourke will be leaving and on behalf of Council and the broader contribution to the Bourke in so many ways and trust that you have enjoyed your tenure here and thank you for your contribution whilst you have been resident in Back O Bourke. I am sure that most will return to visit friends made during their stay.

The New Year will see a number of new residents come into Bourke and I sincerely hope that they are made feel welcome and able to mix readily into our community and enjoy the many activities that are available.

In conjunction with Bourke Rotary Club, Bourke Shire Council will again be hosting its Welcome to Bourke function in February and this not only provides the opportunity for the new residents to get an idea as to what is available in Bourke but provides the opportunity for organisations to highlight details of their organisation and can look at the opportunity to boost their membership numbers.

If you are travelling over the Christmas and New Year period, please drive safely and take the required rest stops.

Water mains always seem to break at the most inopportune time as was the case last Wednesday night when a main at the corner of Mitchell and Richard Street failed causing the Water and Waste Water crew to be called out for emergency repairs at four in the morning. Repairs such as this need to see the highway temporarily closed and traffic re-directed and involves a lot of coordination

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The storm last Thursday created havoc around town with power outages and a number of trees falling or being significantly damaged. Bourke Shire Council's Town Services, Parks and Gardens crews worked to get the mess cleaned up as quickly as possible and were assisted by staff from other areas from within Council in a great team effort. This work can prove dangerous with some of the trees affecting the power lines. Thank you to all staff who responded so quickly.

A great effort by all concerned.

Also to the fore were members of the of the Local State Emergency Services these people are volunteers who give freely of their time to help others adversely impacted by storms or other situations, quite often these are very dangerous situations, to help others.

Quote of the Week

"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day." – *Helen Steiner Rice*

Recommendation:
That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 21st January 2019 be received and noted.

File No:	**T4.3**
Report: 28/2019	**BOBEC and VIC January 2019 Activity update**
Responsible Officer:	**Fran Carter, Manager Tourism and Events**

Executive Summary

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events Manager's activity report provides Council with an updated status report for the month of November/ December, relating to its tourism teams activities through visual data including graphs and statistic which enables Council to gauge team progress and performance.
The report consists of an overview of the operations, major activities and achievements of Councils tourism section and aims provide a platform for the detailed monitoring of critical data for future analysis.

Overview:

An estimated 30,374 people visited Bourke in 2018. In comparison to the number of visitors to Bourke in 2017, this was a decline of approximately 2163 people, or around 6.7%. The decline started to occur from the beginning of the peak season (March-October), with small incremental rises in April and July. September's figures had the most significant drop with 1006 visitors, or 23.7% decline compared to September in the previous year, consistent across most years with the start of the high temperatures to the region.

Whilst the obvious decline in visitor numbers has been attributed to the ongoing drought, media coverage of desolate towns, dying stock and dry river beds have exacerbated the impact. Anecdotal evidence suggests our targeted "Nature-based/Ecotourism" & Cultural" markets that are one of Bourke's greatest competitive advantages for the region are sensitive to environmental factors like the drought and that has had an obvious shift in decline with visitors.

However, the "Events" market "Visiting Friends & Relatives (VFR)" and the "Conference/ Business" markets have all played an important role in increasing the appeal and publicity of Bourke as a destination for new and repeat visitors.

The message although only anecdotal is quite clear-create more enticing program of events that create specific reasons to visit as well as offers Bourke the potential to help tackle seasonal issues and generate additional tourism in the on/off season. Positioning the Back O Bourke as an events destination will not only help to establish a revitalised public image of the region, but also help to develop a proud social fabric within the community.

Events:

Great response to the **Bourke Wharf Christmas Markets & Carols** that were held on the 14th December with 29 stallholders exhibiting and over 500 passing through. The event was well received and from the post event review it is anticipated that the markets will take on a new approach next year moving into the main street.

Social posts had a reach of 2774 and 184 combined comments and shares.

Council also celebrated the Christmas spirit this year with the **Bourke Christmas Lights Competition**. Participating resident's homes looked magical at night with so many filled with twinkling lights and creative Christmas displays.

A total of 27 homes had nominated or entered into the competition that saw fantastic prizes delivered to the winners, they included Bevan Williams & Jenelle Hambrook, Jim & Ann Rice, Craig & Charlene Noye, Kelly Tully & Chris Morrall and Frank Hollman.

This social post had a reach of 1071 and 67 comments and reactions.

Upcoming Events:

This year's **Australia Day** festivities will kick off the night before with a meet and greet of the ambassador with representatives from the community. Australia Day will commence at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Pool from 7am to midday with a FREE BBQ breakfast, official awards ceremony, live music and a host of fun kids activities including the Pavlova Pie Face and a pool full of inflatables for everyone.

Nominations have now closed for Council to commence judging the winners.

Jay Allen has now replaced Josh Addo-Carr who unfortunately had to withdraw due to a prior commitment.

Jay Allen is a former truck driver and patient of the **Melanoma** Institute Australia. He is married with four children and lives in the NSW Southern Highlands.

As MIA's Community Coordinator, Jay has devoted the last six years to spreading the sun-safe message to schools, organisations and communities around Australia. He even recently trekked 1200kms from Brisbane to Sydney to raise vital money for a **clinical trial** for advanced melanoma patients.

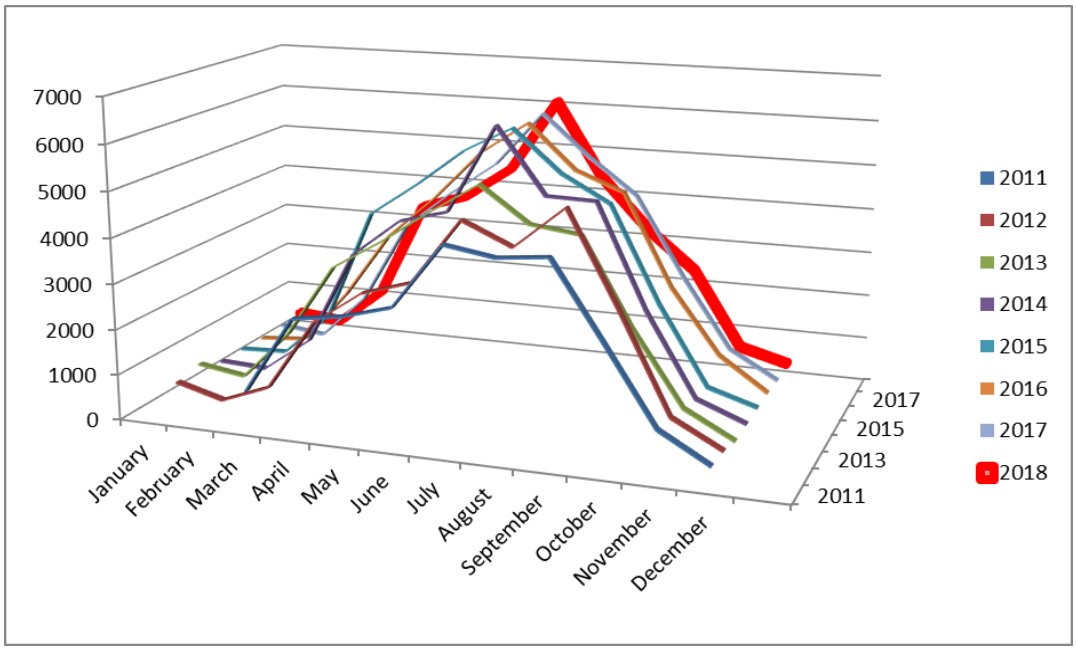
Jay's story about surviving melanoma is raw, honest, and inspiring. As he says, "Melanoma Institute Australia saved my life and I want to give back by raising awareness about melanoma and how to reduce the risks".

Above: Jay Allen – Bourke Australia Day Ambassador

Back O Bourke Exhibition Monthly Figures

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January		448	560	325	326	302	348	386
February		157	397	271	373	391	220	282
March	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1142
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	3362
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	3698
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	4440
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	6091
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	4375
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	3240
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	2360
November	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	645
December	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	353
Total	**25841**	**27649**	**31044**	**32253**	**34750**	**33906**	**32537**	**30374**

Table showing number of visitors to the Back O' Bourke Exhibition & Visitor Centre by month;



Fran Carter
Manager of Tourism & Events

Recommendation:
1. That Council note the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on 25th January, 2019.

File No:	**L4.1**
Report: 29/2019	**Library Report – December 2018**
Author:	**Jodi Hatch, Library Manager**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services**

The following items for the 2017/2018 period are presented for your information

Item	December 2017	Item	December 2018
Audio Visual	248	Audio Visual	177
Adult Fiction	192	Adult Fiction	189
Non-Fiction	65	Non-Fiction	59
Junior Fiction	151	Junior Fiction	157
Magazines	68	Magazines	35
eBook/Audio		eBooks/eAudio	58
Interlibrary Loans		Interlibrary Loans	2
Total	**724**	**Total**	**677**

Other statistical information

	December 2017		December 2018
New Members	5	New Members	2
Internet/Word Processing	79	Internet/Word Processing	42
Wireless Tickets	15	Wireless Tickets	11
Number of Visitors	930	Number of Visitors	989
Scans	17	Scans	15
Information Requests	48	Information Requests	56
Technical Assistance	17	Technical Assistance	30
Faxes	6	Faxes/Laminating	2

- Children's craft and story time this month had 24 children attending. We held our Christmas party this month at the story time session.
- The Summer Reading Club was launched this month. This will run throughout the summer holidays to encourage children to read.
- A murder mystery evening was held this month, with 20 people attending.
- Jodi visited Day Care this month to talk about the Be Connected program, which is now available in through the library. This is a government program aimed at helping older people to improve their skills with technology. We have also obtained a grant of $2000.00, which will be used to purchase tablets to help in Be Connected sessions. An introductory session was held this month, with 5 people attending and signing up for the program.

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

File No:	**L4.1**
Report: 30/2019	**Library Report – November 2018**
Author:	**Jodi Hatch, Library Manager**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services**

The following items for the 2017/2018 period are presented for your information

Item	November 2017	Item	November 2018
Audio Visual	313	Audio Visual	187
Adult Fiction	259	Adult Fiction	197
Non-Fiction	72	Non-Fiction	107
Junior Fiction	221	Junior Fiction	150
Magazines	79	Magazines	62
eBook/Audio		eBooks/eAudio	67
Interlibrary Loans	3	Interlibrary Loans	1
Total	**947**	**Total**	**771**

Other statistical information

	November 2017		November 2018
New Members	10	New Members	1
Internet/Word Processing	114	Internet/Word Processing	61
Wireless Tickets	9	Wireless Tickets	15
Number of Visitors	1137	Number of Visitors	1319
Scans	17	Scans	27
Information Requests	74	Information Requests	69
Technical Assistance	22	Technical Assistance	49
Faxes	9	Faxes/Laminating	13

- Children's craft and story time this month had 12 children attending.
- 10 Books for Babies bags were distributed this month.
- This month we had children's author Frances Watts visit for two days. Approximately 120 children from Bourke Public School and St Ignatius visited the library over the two days to listen to Frances reading her books and to learn about the process of writing books.

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

Recommendation;
1. That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report for library activity in November and December 2018, as presented to Council on Monday, 21st January 2019.

21. Closed Session of Council – Confidential

File No: 31/2019	
Report:	**Proposal to Lease Land**
Responsible Officer:	**Dwayne Willoughby**

File No: 32/2019	
Report:	**Bourke Water Security Update**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl**

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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Australia Day Workshop at Close of Meeting